



**EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY
EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

**RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY ON INSTITUTIONALIZING
15TH SEPTEMBER AS THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF DEMOCRACY
IN EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY REGION**

By Hon. Hafsa Mossi and adopted by the Assembly on 23rd October 2013

THIS ASSEMBLY;

COGNISANT OF the 2007 UN Resolution A/62/7 (2007) which stipulates that each year, 15th September should be celebrated as an International Day of Democracy and encouraged Governments to strengthen national programs devoted to the promotion and consolidation of democracy;

MINDFUL OF provisions of the Treaty for the Establishment of the East African Community, in particular Articles 6 and 7 on fundamental and operational principles including adherence to the principles of Democracy, the rule of law, accountability, transparency, social Justice, equal opportunities, gender equality, as well as the recognition, promotion and protection of human and people's rights in accordance with the provisions of the African Charter on Human and People's Rights;

RECOGNIZING THAT promotion of Democracy is necessary and desirable for the efficient implementation of the provisions of the Treaty in accordance with Article 131;

COMMITTED TO upholding the fundamental principles that guide the implementation of the objectives of the East African Community as provided for in Article 6 of the Treaty;

NOTING THAT the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), to which EALA belongs has encouraged all its Member Parliaments to annually mark 15th Day of September as the International Day of Democracy;



FURTHER NOTING the need to raise awareness among citizens of the principles of democracy, as an ideal to be pursued and a mode of government;

RECOGNIZING the importance of highlighting ways in which citizens can get information about the work of parliament and interact with the institution in promoting political participation;

REAFFIRMING our commitment to making every effort to contribute to making Democracy understood by the citizens;

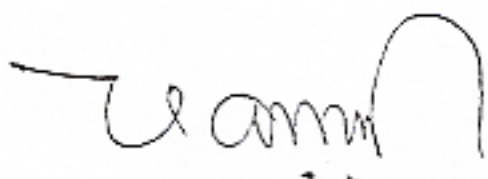
ACKNOWLEDGING that national and regional Parliaments have a critical role to play in fostering Democracy and awareness creation among the population.

NOW THEREFORE, DO RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

- (i) To mark the 15th September of every year as the International Day of Democracy.
- (ii) Urge the EAC Partner States to institutionalize the 15th September as the International Day of Democracy.
- (iii) Urge the Partner States National Parliaments to commit themselves to awareness creation on how people can make their voices more heard in the process of legislation or decision making.
- (iv) Urge the EAC Secretariat and Partner States to enhance public awareness, education and training on Democracy on the occasion of the International Day of Democracy.
- (v) Urge the EAC Secretariat and Partner States to promote joint actions in the celebration of the International Day of Democracy.
- (vi) Commit ourselves to enhance our role in awareness creation on Democracy and the International Day of Democracy.

- (vii) Urge EAC Partner States to sign, ratify and deposit instruments of ratification of the African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance.

CERTIFIED BY:



Kenneth Madete
CLERK

DATE: 23RD October 2012



