



Republic of Liberia

A JOINT RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY POLITICAL PARTIES ON DECENTRALIZATION AND LOCAL GOVERNANCE REFORMS

WHEREAS, since 1847 and throughout the history of Liberia, governance and public administration have remained highly centralized in Monrovia and have not allowed adequate opportunities for the establishment of a system of participatory local governance , and

WHEREAS, the highly centralized system of governance has impeded popular participation in the provision of public goods and services, and has contributed to the need for greater accountability and transparency in the management of public affairs and led to the gap in economic growth and development, equal access to political, social and economic opportunities between Monrovia and the rest of the Liberia, and

WHEREAS, recalling that the Governance Commission, in collaboration with the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning, has conducted nation-wide consultations on political, fiscal and administrative decentralization with the citizens throughout the Republic, including representatives of political parties, media and civil society organizations, women and youth groups, school teachers, university students and professors, traditional leaders, past and present county superintendents, city mayors, district commissioners, chiefs, elders, and career public administration professionals and technicians, local community leaders nation-wide, and

Now therefore, we members of the registered political parties, coalitions, and alliances of the Republic of Liberia assembled in the City of Buchanan, Grand Bassa County do hereby affirm our commitment to preserve the unitary state system and equally commit to providing equal opportunity for all of our citizens through local self-governance in the sharing of political, fiscal and administrative powers with county authorities hereby:

1. Commit to decentralization and local governance reforms as the means to sustainable peace building, national reconciliation and democratic state building in Liberia;
2. Urge the Executive Branch of Government to fast track submission of the draft Local Government Act to the Legislative Branch of Government;
3. Call on the Legislature including members representing our respective political parties to enact the Local Government Bill into law; and
4. Call on the Legislature to approve constitutional reform proposals for the amendment of Articles 3, 54, and 56 of the 1986 Constitution of Liberia to enable the implementation of decentralization.



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We, the undersigned registered political parties, coalitions and alliances, recognizing and acknowledging the significance of this declaration, hereby subscribe and affix our signatures this 9th Day of June, A.D 2016.

REGISTERED POLITICAL PARTIES, COALITIONS AND ALLIANCES

Party/Coalition/Alliance Name of Representative

Signature

1. All Liberian Coalition Party (ALCOP) Terry W. Yankpa [Signature]
2. All Liberian Party (ALP) _____
3. Alternative National Congress (ANC) Rep. Josiah Acha Kennedy [Signature]
4. Congress for Democratic Change (CDC) Janga A. Koro [Signature] June 9, 2016
1:30 pm
5. Grassroot Democratic Party of Liberia (GDPL) Sam Gladys B. Y. B. B. B. [Signature]
Alicyone D. Wolcott
6. Liberia Transformation Party (LTP) [Signature]
Jerome Billy Joss
7. Liberian National Union (LINU) [Signature]
8. Liberian People's Party (LPP) [Signature]



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9. Liberty Party (LP)

_____ Moses G. Lieb _____
Spring

10. Movement for Democracy and Reconstruction (MDR)

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11. Movement for Economic Empowerment (MOVEE)

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12. Movement for Progressive Change (MPC)

O'Neil D. Passawe _____
Chiphah S. Gborlie

13. National Democratic Coalition (NDC)

Andrew Peters _____
Edward Sali

14. National Patriotic Party (NPP)

Ym. Isobe Chonkolcollie _____
D. R. Mass

15. New Liberia Party (NLP)

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16. People's Unification Party (PUP)

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17. True Whig Party (TWP)

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June 9, 2016



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18. Union of Liberian Democrats (ULD)

Solomon G. Utlan

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19. United People's Party (UPP) – Member of APD

Michael C. G. George

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20. Unity Party (UP)

William Davis

[Signature]

21. Victory for Change Party (VCP)

[Signature]

Elh. Emmanuel A. Tulay

22. Vision for Liberia Transformation (VOLT)

Gus A. Win

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