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**COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF LAMU****COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAMU****THIRD ASSEMBLY – FOURTH SESSION****VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS****WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2026 AT 10:30 AM**

1. The Assembly assembled at Ten thirty O'clock.
2. The Proceedings were opened with prayers
3. **MOTION : COCONUT VALUE ADDITION IN LAMU COUNTY**

THAT AWARE THAT, agriculture remains a key pillar of Lamu County's economy, with coconut farming being one of the major agricultural activities practiced by residents across various wards in Lamu County;

FURTHER AWARE THAT, Lamu County has long been known for its rich coconut heritage, yet this resource has not translated into substantial economic empowerment for our people. Most farmers sell raw coconuts at low prices to middlemen, denying them the benefits that accrue from processed products;

COGNIZANT THAT, despite Lamu County being richly endowed with coconut plantations and favorable climatic conditions for coconut production, the full economic potential of the coconut sector remains largely underutilized due to limited processing facilities, inadequate value addition mechanisms, poor market linkages, and lack of modern production technologies;

NOTING THAT, value addition through processing of coconuts into products such as coconut oil, virgin oil, coconut flour, coconut milk, desiccated coconut, activated charcoal briquettes, mats, ropes, handicrafts, cosmetics and animal feed would significantly increase farmers' incomes, create employment opportunities for youth and women, enhance local industrialization and expand revenue generation for the County;

FURTHER NOTING THAT, investment in coconut value chains aligns with the County Integrated Development Plan and the national agenda on agricultural transformation and food security. **THIS ASSEMBLY THEREFORE RESOLVES THAT**, the County Executive Committee Member responsible for Agriculture, Irrigation and Food Security:

1. Develop and implement a comprehensive **Coconut Value Addition and Commercialization Policy** for Lamu County;
2. Establish coconut processing and value addition centers strategically across coconut-producing wards in the County;
3. Facilitate training and capacity building for coconut farmers, cooperatives, youth groups and women groups on modern coconut farming, processing and entrepreneurship;
4. Promote formation and strengthening of coconut farmers' cooperatives for collective marketing and access to financing;
5. Partner with relevant national government agencies, private investors and development partners to attract investment in coconut processing industries within Lamu County; and

If properly harnessed, coconut value addition can transform livelihoods, reduce unemployment, empower local communities and position Lamu as a leading coconut processing hub in Kenya.

(Hon Amina Bwanamkuu)

4. THE ASSEMBLY ROSE – at eleven thirty O'clock.

MEMORANDUM

*The Speaker will take the Chair
In the next sitting*