PRESS RELEASE

DECLARATION OF DATE FOR THE CONDUCT OF LOCAL COUNCIL BYE ELECTION IN WARD 034, KENEMA DISTRICT COUNCIL, ON SATURDAY, 24TH AUGUST 2019.

1. In exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 33 of the Constitution of Sierra Leone, 1991( Act No. 6 of 1991); and pursuant to provisions of Sections 69(1) and 70 (1) of the Public Elections Act, 2012 (Act No. 4 of 2004) and Section 10 of the Local Government Act 2004 (Act No. 1 of 2004 ), the National Electoral Commission makes the following proclamation:

2. Saturday 24th day of August 2019 is hereby declared as the day for the conduct of Local Council Bye Election in Ward 034, Constituency 012, in the Kenema District.

3. According to a letter from the Chief Administrator of the Kenema District Council, dated 12th June 2019, the vacancy occurred as a result of the death of Councillor Joseph M.V.Kallon(RIP) of Ward 034, Constituency 012, Kenema District; whose death took place on Thursday 6th June 2019. May the soul of the departed rest in perfect peace (RIP).

4. Nominations of Candidates for the said Local Council Bye Election shall take place from Wednesday, 17th – Thursday, 18th July 2019 at the NEC District Office, 59 Wahmann Abu Road, Kenema District.
5. The deadline for Political Parties to submit the lists of their endorsed candidates for the bye-election to the National Electoral Commission (NEC), as per Section 61 of the Public Elections Act, 2012, is 15th July, 2019.

6. In accordance with Statutory Instrument No. 13 of 2012, the candidates’s nomination fee for the said Local Council Bye Election is ONE MILLION LEONES ONLY (Le. 1,000,000.00) per Candidate, payable to the District Returning Officer at the above mentioned address.

7. Qualifications and disqualifications of Councillors are found in Section 6 of the aforementioned Local Government Act, 2004.

8. Other details for the nomination and conduct of the said bye election shall be published by the National Electoral Commission in due course.

Dated this 19th day of June, 2019.

Signed:

[Signature]

Mohamed N'iah- Ali Conteh
Chief Electoral Commissioner/ Chairman
National Returning Officer
National Electoral Commission