PRESS STATEMENT ON THE DECLARATION OF RESULTS FOR LOCAL COUNCIL BYE-ELECTION HELD IN WARD 229, TONKOLILI DISTRICT ON SATURDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER, 2013

1. By the powers vested in it under section 33 of the 1991 Constitution of Sierra Leone (Act No. 6 of 1991), Section 70(1) of the Public Elections Act 2012 (Act No. 4 of 2012) and pursuant to the provisions of section 10 Subsection 1 of the Local Government Act, 2004 (Act No. 1 of 2004), a Bye Election was successfully conducted by the National Electoral Commission (NEC) in Ward 229 Tonkolili District, in accordance with the relevant electoral legal framework;

2. The vacancy in Ward 229 was reported in a letter from the Chief Administrator, Tonkolili District Council dated 22nd July 2013, following the death of Councilor Joseph Kawah Kerah of the said Ward on the 29th of May 2013.

3. Three Political Parties: the All Peoples Congress (APC), United Democratic Movement (UDM) and the Sierra Leone Peoples Party (SLPP) contested the Bye election.

4. The Sierra Leone Police (SLP) provided the relevant security in all the polling centres in the Ward.

5. Political Party Agents, the National Elections Watch (NEW), All Political Parties Youths Association (APPYA) and the Political Parties Registration Commission (PPRC) observed the Bye-election.

6. The Political Parties Registration Commission (PPRC), the National Elections Watch (NEW) and other stakeholders observed the tally process in the NEC Office, Magburaka, Tonkolili District.
7. Analysis of the Results

Ward 229 Tonkolili District Council:

- 8 (eight) polling station/centres results were entered into the result database, representing 100% of all polling stations/centres in the Ward where the election was conducted;

- The voter turnout was 2,613 (Two thousand six hundred and thirteen) out of a register of 5,771 (Five thousand seven hundred and seventy-one) voters giving a percentage turnout of 45.36%;

- The total number of valid votes cast was 2,449 (Two thousand four hundred and forty-nine), representing 93.72% of total votes cast;

- There were 164 (One hundred and sixty-four) invalid votes cast, representing 6.28% of total votes cast.

8. RESULTS OF WARD BYE-ELECTION IN WARD 229 TONKOLILI DISTRICT
28TH SEPTEMBER, 2013

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In exercise, therefore, of the powers conferred on me as the National Returning Officer, by Section 94 Subsection (4) of the Public Elections Act 2012, I hereby declare **Jalloh Samuel S.** of the **All Peoples Congress (APC)**, who having polled **1,508**, the highest number of valid votes cast, duly elected Councilor for 229 in the Tonkolili District.

Signed:  

Date: 30th September, 2013

Dr. Christiana A.M Thorpe  
Chief Electoral Commissioner/Chairperson  
National Returning Officer  
National Electoral Commission