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A BILL FOR

An Act of the County Assembly of Baringo to provide for the recognition of heroes and heroines and establish criteria for the identification, selection and honouring of acts of heroism and excellence; to provide for the categories of County honours and awards and establish mechanisms and procedures for conferring of County honours and awards in line with Section 16 of Kenya heroes Act of and for connected purposes.

Enacted by the County Assembly of Baringo as follows-

PART I

PRELIMINARY

1. This Act may be cited as the Baringo County Honours and Awards Act, 2025 and shall come into operation upon publication.

Short title

2. In this Act unless the context otherwise requires-

“Committee” means the Baringo County Honours and Awards Advisory Committee established under section 10 of this Act;

Interpretation

“County Honour” means an official recognition, decoration, status or award conferred in accordance with this Act;

“Executive Committee Member” means the Executive Committee Member responsible for Culture, Gender, Heritage and Social Services.

“Hero or heroine” means a person declared a hero or a heroine under the provisions of this Act.

Object and purpose 3. The object and purpose of this Act is to provide a legal framework for the recognition and honour of County heroes and heroines.

PART II – CONFERMENT OF COUNTY AWARDS

Conferment of
honours

4.(1) The Governor may, pursuant to section 30(3)(c) and (e) of the County Governments Act, No.17 of 2012 and this Act, confer county honours set out in

First Schedule in the name of the people and the county on—

(a) an individual; or

(b) a body, unit, association of persons or a corporation.

(2) The Governor shall confer county honours under subsection (1) at such times as the Governor may consider appropriate.

(3) The Governor shall confer county honours under subsection (1) after taking into account the recommendations of the committee established under section 6.

(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section persons elected to the office of the Governor or Deputy Governor of Baringo County shall automatically be deemed to have been conferred with the respective medals applicable to them as specified in the First Schedule.

Persons on whom
county honours to
be conferred

5.A person shall merit the conferment of a county honour if —

(a) the person has exhibited or exhibits exemplary qualities, actions or achievements of heroism, sacrifice, bravery, patriotism or leadership, excellence

for the defence, benefit or betterment of the county;

(b) the person has made an exemplary contribution to the county in the economic, social, scientific, academic, public administration, governance, sports, journalism, business, security or other fields;

(c) the person is a public officer who has made an exemplary contribution to the betterment of the county government, an independent commission or an independent office; or

(d) the person has otherwise brought honour, glory or pride to the County.

PART III - IDENTIFICATION AND DECLARATION OF HEROES AND HEROINES

Call for
nominations and
sections

6 (1) The committee established under section 10 may, from time to time, by notice published in the print or electronic media or any other form of media, call for proposals for nominations of suitable persons to be recommended for declaration as heroes and heroines.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection(1), the committee may through a circular to departments and county government decentralised units, calling for nominations in the prescribed form, of suitable persons to be considered for award and honours.

(3) A nomination under this section may be made by a county public officer, a member of the public, an organization, a group of persons or an institution.

(4) Nominations received under this section shall be referred to the committee for vetting and consideration.

(5) The committee shall on receipt of the names of the nominees forwarded under subsection (3), apply the criteria set out in the Second Schedule to determine whether the proposed nominee qualifies for designation as a hero or heroine under this Act.

Public consultation

7 (1) The committee shall, by notice in at least one newspaper of national circulation, publish the names of all persons proposed to be declared as county heroes or heroines under this Act.

(2) A notice under subsection (1), shall-

- (a) specify the names of the persons proposed to be so declared;
- (b) set out a brief summary of the achievements for which such declaration is proposed to be made; and
- (c) invite objections and representations from members of the public who are of the opinion that the proposed honour is not deserved.

(3) The committee shall consider all objections received pursuant to subsection (2)(c) and draw up a final list of names of the persons confirmed as qualified to be declared as heroes or heroines, which it shall forward to the Governor for such declaration.

(4) The names of all persons declared as heroes and heroines shall be notified by the Governor by notice in the gazette.

8 (1) All heroes and heroines under this Act shall be invested with the honour by the Governor at a public ceremony.

(2) The investiture of heroes and heroines shall take place on such days as the Governor shall determine and the persons so invested shall be awarded a certificate as may be prescribed whether in addition to any other award or not.

(3) The heroes and heroines recognized under this Act may be awarded during their life time or posthumously.

Forms of
recognition and

9. (1) A person declared as a hero or heroine under this Act shall be entitled to any or more of the following privileges -

honour of county
heroes and
heroines

(a) invitations to county and community functions as a county guest;

(b) having cultural festivals, concerts, exhibitions and sports events organized in their honour;

(c) having towns, institutions, open parks in urban areas, roads, streets, estates and notable landmarks named after the hero or heroine;

(d) the award of medals, insignia, commendations, certificates and such other commemorative items as may be determined by the committee;

(e) the issuance of such scarves, mementoes, utensils, apparel and artefacts as may be determined by the committee from time to time;

(f) the publication of books depicting their respective role in the county's history or the social life of the society; or

(g) being accorded financial assistance where their economic circumstances warrant their assistance.

(2) Without prejudice to the provisions of subsection (1), the government may from time to time accord county heroes and heroines who are in need of assistance;

(a) the highest attainable standard of healthcare services;

(b) accessible and adequate housing and reasonable standards of sanitation;

(c) adequate food of acceptable quality;

(d) clean and safe water in adequate quantities;

(e) social security; and

(f) free transport to public functions to which they are invited within the county.

- (3) The Committee shall establish and maintain a heroes and heroines register which shall be available to the public for inspection.

PART IV – THE COUNTY HONOURS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Committee

10. There is established a County Honours and Awards Advisory Committee which shall comprise—

- (a) the Deputy Governor who shall be the chairperson;
- (b) the Executive Committee Member responsible for culture;
- (c) the Executive Committee Member responsible for public service and administration;
- (d) the Speaker of the County Assembly;
- (e) the chairperson of the County Public Service Board;
- (f) the Chairperson of County Assembly Committee on Culture
- (g) the County Secretary who shall be the secretary

11.(1) The committee shall—

(a) receive and consider representations from any person, body, unit, association of persons or corporation recommending a person for the conferment of a county honour under this Act;

Functions of the committee

(b) recommend to the Governor, on its motion or on a representation under subsection (1)(a), persons, bodies, units, associations of persons or corporations that may be considered for conferment of a county honour under section 4;

(c) advise the Governor on the suitability or otherwise of a person, body, unit, association of persons or corporation that is proposed for conferment of a county honour under section 5;

(d) propose to the Governor the types, classes or categories of county honours that should be conferred;

- (e) advise the Governor on the classes or categories of persons, bodies, units, associations of persons or corporations on whom County honours should be conferred;
- (f) advise the Governor on the type, category or class of a county honour that should be conferred on a person, body, unit, association of persons or corporation;
- (g) identify and recommend county heroes and heroines for recognition by the County Government;
- (h) oversee the design and creation of appropriate commemorative items for purposes of honouring county heroes and heroines;
- (i) administer county assistance to county heroes and heroines where necessary;
- (j) conduct and facilitate civic education in order to stimulate public discussion and awareness on pertinent issues regarding heroes and heroines; and
- (k) perform any other function that may be conferred on it by this Act or any other law.

(2) Where the committee proposes the conferment of a county honour on a person, body, unit, association of persons or corporation, the committee shall, prior to forwarding its proposal to the Governor —

- (a) publish its proposal in at least one daily newspaper of national circulation inviting the public to present any views on or objections to the proposal to the committee; and
 - (b) take into account the views or merit of objections from the public in making its proposals to the Governor.
- (3) The Committee may, in the performance of its functions, consult with such other persons or bodies as may be necessary.
- (4) A decision of the committee shall be made by consensus but where there is no

consensus, a decision shall be made by a majority.

(5) The committee may meet and transact business notwithstanding a vacancy in the membership of the committee.

12. In the exercise of its functions, the committee shall have regard to the following national values and principles of governance-

Regard to national
values and
principles

- (a) patriotism, county unity, sharing and devolution of power, the rule of law, democracy and participation of the people;
- (b) human dignity, equity, social justice, inclusiveness, equality, human rights, non-discrimination and protection of the marginalized;
- (c) good governance, integrity, transparency and accountability; and
- (d) sustainable development.

13(1) There is established the County Honours secretariat, which shall serve as the secretariat to the committee.

The secretariat

- (2) The functions of the secretariat shall be to-
- (a) call for honours nominations from the public on the instructions of the committee;
 - (b) coordinate and administer the county honours processes including maintaining an accurate record of all nominations and honours conferred;
 - (c) undertake research and liaison as required to validate claims made in a nomination for an award;
 - (d) coordinate and prepare the nomination documentation for review and consideration by the committee;

(e) assist in the identification and recommendation of county heroes and heroines for recognition by the County Government;

- (f) liaise with the committee to procure honours certificates and medals and ensure their safe custody;
- (g) submit the recommendations of the committee to the Governor;
- (h) prepare awards and assist in the planning, preparation and conduct of the awards ceremony; and
- (i) perform any other function that may be required by the committee or conferred on it by this Act or any other law.

14. The committee shall keep and maintain a register of county honours consisting of the names of all the recipients of honours which shall be available for inspection by the public.

15. The Governor may, on the advice of the committee, by notice in the Gazette—

Register of county honours

- (a) amend a county honour;
- (b) suspend a county honour;

Amendment e.tc of county honours

- (c) revoke a county honour where a person acts in a manner that is inconsistent with the award; or
- (d) restore a revoked county honour.

PART V – MISCELLANEOUS

Posthumous honour

Wearing of medals

16. A county honour may be conferred, amended, suspended, revoked or restored posthumously.

17. Every person who is awarded a medal under this Act shall ensure that he or she

wears the medal when attending national and county days' celebrations and

specified county government functions as may be prescribed.

18. A person who—

(a) uses or wears a certificate, insignia, medal or other decoration issued and conferred as a county honour under this Act without having been conferred;

Unauthorized use
of insignia, etc.

(b) falsely represents himself or herself to be the person upon whom a county honour was conferred; or

(c) provides or offers to provide a county honour conferred under this Act to a person not authorized to use or wear the same; commits an offence and is liable, on conviction, to a fine not exceeding fifty thousand shillings or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding three months, or both.

19. A person who—

(a) receives or solicits, or agrees to receive or solicit, a benefit as an inducement or reward for procuring or assisting in the procurement of a county honour under this Act; or

(b) gives or offers, or agrees to give or offer, a benefit as an inducement or reward for procuring or assisting in the procurement of a county honour under this Act; commits an offence and is liable, on conviction, to a fine not exceeding one hundred thousand shillings or a term of imprisonment not exceeding six months, or to both.

Unlawful
acquisition or
procurement of
County honour

20. Withdrawal of Honors

(1) The Committee may on its own motion or upon receipt of allegations of misconduct by a hero from any person or institution, investigate the allegations and make a report within a specified period.

(2) The committee shall consider the report under this section and may;

(a) caution or censure the person; or

(b) withdraw all privileges attaching to the declaration of a hero under this Act and order the removal of the name from the County Heroes register.

21(1) The Executive Committee Member may make Regulations for the better carrying out of the provisions of this Act.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1), the Executive Committee Member may make Regulations providing for—

(a) the types, categories or classes of county honours which the Governor may confer;

Regulations (b) the precedence to be accorded to different county honours and different ranks of county honours;

(c) limiting the number of persons who may, from time to time, be conferred with a particular county honour;

(d) specify the designation which the recipient of a county honour shall be entitled to use and the abbreviations by which reference may be made to such designation;

(e) prescribe the insignia by which a county honour is to be distinguished;

(f) provide for the manner in which a county honour may be amended or revoked;

(g) prescribe the privileges or benefits that shall attach to a county honour; or

(h) provide for the honours, if any, that may be conferred on non-county citizens.

FIRST SCHEDULE (S.4 (1))

(A) MEDALS AND ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

1. Chief of the Order of the Green Jewel (CGJ)
2. Elder of the Order of the Green Jewel (EGJ)
3. Brave of the Order of the Green Jewel (BGJ)
4. Chief of the Order of the Resilient Shield (CRS)
5. Elder of the Order of the Resilient Shield (ERS)

6. Brave of the Order of the Resilient Shield (BRS)

FIRST SCHEDULE

(A) MEDALS AND ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

1. Chief of the Order of the Golden Crown (CGC)
2. Elder of the Order of the Golden Crown (EGC)
3. Moran of the Order of the Golden Crown (MGC)
4. Chief of the Order of the Green Jewel (CGJ)
5. Elder of the Order of the Green Jewel (EGJ)
6. Brave of the Order of the Green Jewel (BGJ)
7. Chief of the Order of the Resilient Shield (CRS)
8. Elder of the Order of the Resilient Shield (ERS)
9. Brave of the Order of the Resilient Shield (BRS)
10. League of Champions Medal (LCM)
11. Green Shining Star (GSS)
12. Outstanding Service Medal (OSM)
13. Governor's Commendation (GC)

(B) ASSIGNEMENT OF MEDALS

S/N	MEDAL	NOMINEES
1.	Chief of the Order of the Golden Crown (CGC)	Reserved for the Governor

2	Elder of the Order of the Golden Crown (EGC)	Reserved for the Deputy Governor, heads and deputy heads of county governments, executive committee members, the Speaker, the chairperson of County Public Service Board, the County Secretary and such other high-ranking officials.
3	Moran of the Order of the Golden Crown (MGC)	Reserved for chief officers, heads of national, multinational, or international institutions which have impacted Baringo County positively; Clerk of the County Assembly, members of the Assembly Service Board, members of County Public Service Board, Chief of Staff, County Attorney, Advisors, spouse of the Governor, spouse of the Deputy Governor and such high-ranking officials.
4	Chief of the Order of the Burning Sword (CBS)	Members of County Assembly, Heads of Semi-Autonomous Bodies, Heads of Department, national government officials who have impacted positively on the County.
5	Elder of the Order of the Resilient Shield (ERS)	Successful Businessmen and Entrepreneurs, Researchers, scholars, council of elders, senior county officers
6	Brave of the Order of the Resilient Shield (BRS)	Members of Boards of County Parastatals, senior enforcement officer, members of independent committees

7	League of Champions Medal (LCM)	Sportsmen, Artists, Authors, Heads of other institutions, county officials etc.
8	Green Shining Star (GSS)	Students, county officers, enforcement officers
9	Outstanding Service Medal (OSM)	Other County employees and employees of other institutions, civil society, media, religious groups, enforcement officers
10	Governor's Commendation (GC)	Institutions, Students, Pupils, County
		Officers, enforcement officers

SECOND SCHEDULE (S6(4)) –Criteria for identification of Heroes

No	Functional Areas	Qualities
1	Governance and Liberation struggle	Patriotism Vision integrity Commitment Courage Selflessness Perseverance Decisiveness Optimism

2	Spiritual leadership	Patriotism Vision Integrity Commitment Spirituality Humility Prophetic Charisma Honesty
3	Indigenous knowledge	Patriotism Vision Integrity Commitment Expertise
		Talent Innovativeness Honesty Reliability
4	Cultural values and practices	Patriotism Vision Integrity Commitment Honesty Inspirational Selflessness Discipline

5	Arts	Patriotism Vision Integrity Commitment Talent Creativity Persistence Inspirational
6	Sports	Patriotism Vision Integrity Commitment Competitiveness Discipline Talent Creativity Inspirational Perseverance Optimism
7	Scholarship, professionalism, research	Patriotism Vision Integrity Commitment Expertise Talent Innovativeness Patience Creativity Inspirational Discipline Discovery

8	Peace making	Patriotism Vision Integrity Commitment Expertise Inspirational Charisma Reliability
9	Statesmanship/Governance	Patriotism Vision Integrity Commitment Courage loyalty Optimism Selflessness Charisma Nationalism
10	Entrepreneurship and industry	Patriotism Vision Integrity Commitment Patience Reliability Courage Talent Innovation

11	Philanthropy	Patriotism Vision Integrity Commitment Selflessness Courage Kindness Discipline
12	Human rights	Patriotism Vision Integrity Commitment Courage Optimism Patience Reliability Courage Talent Innovation
13	County cohesion and integration	Patriotism Vision Integrity
		Commitment Courage Optimism Patience Reliability Courage Talent Innovation

14	Environmental conservation	Patriotism Vision Integrity Commitment Courage Optimism Patience Reliability Courage Talent Innovation
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MEMEORANDUM OF OBJECTS AND REASON

The Bill seeks provide for a framework for the recognition of and establishment of the criteria for the identification, selection and honouring of acts of heroism and excellence and provide for the categories of County honours and awards and further establish mechanisms and procedures for

conferring of County honours and awards to recognised heroes and heroines. This Bill is divided into three parts as follows-

Part I provides for preliminaries including short title, interpretation, object and purpose of the Act while

Part II provides for the categories of persons who can be conferred with honours in line with their achievements.

Part III sets the criteria for identification and declaration of heroes and heroines and the forms of recognition and honours to be conferred.

Part IV establishes the County Honours Advisory Committee which is tasked with the duty of receiving and considering applications for any person recommended for the conferment of a county honour, vet and recommend to the Governor persons to be conferred with honours.

Part V contains miscellaneous provisions including offences and penalties and the power to make regulations by the Executive Committee Member.

The Bill respects the separation of powers of national and county governments and recognizes the critical role assigned to the County with regard to public service and administration.

Date: MARCH, 2025

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Baringo County Executive Committee Member for Culture, Gender, Heritage and Social Services.