



THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

**MOTION FOR RESOLUTION OF PARLIAMENT ON ALTERATION OF BOUNDARIES  
UNDER ARTICLE 179 (1) (a) OF THE CONSTITUTION AND  
DECLARATION OF CITIES UNDER SECTION 7 (2A) OF THE LOCAL  
GOVERNMENTS ACT CAP.243.**

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**WHEREAS**, Article 179 (1) (a) and (b) of the Constitution, empowers Parliament to alter boundaries of Districts.

**AND WHEREAS** Section 7 (2A) of the Local Governments Act Cap 243, empowers the Minister of Local Government with the approval of Parliament to declare an urban area a City.

**NOTING THAT** under Section 4 (a) of the Local Governments Act Cap.243, a City is equivalent to a District and a City Council exercises all functions and powers conferred upon a District within its area of Jurisdiction.

**FURTHER NOTING THAT** Section 7 (2) of the Local Governments Act Cap 243 allows alteration of boundaries of a District unit in accordance with Article 179 of the Constitution.

**AWARE THAT**, Article 179 (2) of the Constitution requires any measure to alter the boundary of a District or to create a new District to be supported by a majority of all Members of Parliament.

**FURTHER AWARE THAT**, for effective administration and the need to bring urban services closer to the people, the Local Government Councils of Arua, Mbarara, Gulu, Jinja, Fort Portal, Mbale, Masaka, Hoima, Lira, Entebbe, Soroti, Nakasongola, Kabale, Moroto and Wakiso have expressed the wishes of the people for

declaration of the Cities of Arua, Mbarara, Gulu, Jinja, Fort Portal, Mbale, Masaka, Hoima, Lira, Entebbe, Soroti, Nakasongola, Kabale, Moroto and Wakiso respectively.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY PARLIAMENT,**

**A) That the following Urban Areas are approved and declared Cities.**

**1. DECLARATION OF CITIES**

- i. Arua City comprising of Arua Central and Ayivu Divisions;
- ii. Gulu City comprising of Laroo-Pece and Bardege-Layibi Divisions;
- iii. Jinja City comprising of Jinja North and Jinja South Divisions;
- iv. Mbarara City Comprising of Mbarara North and Mbarara South Divisions;
- v. Fort portal City comprising of Fort portal Central and Fort Portal North Divisions;
- vi. Mbale City comprising of Industrial and Northern Divisions;
- vii. Masaka City comprising of Kimanya-Kabonera and Nyendo-Mukungwe Divisions;
- viii. Hoima City Comprising of Hoima East and Hoima West Divisions;
- ix. Entebbe City Comprising of Entebbe Central and Entebbe North Divisions;
- x. Lira City comprising of Lira West and Lira East Divisions.

**2. EFFECTIVE DATES FOR OPERATIONALISATION OF THE NEW CITIES**

**(a)The Cities to take effect on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020 are;**

- i. Arua City
- ii. Gulu City
- iii. Jinja City
- iv. Mbarara City
- v. Fort Portal City
- vi. Mbale City
- vii. Masaka City

**(b)The City to take effect on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021 is;**

- i. Hoima City

**(c)The Cities to take effect on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022 are;**

- i. Entebbe City
- ii. Lira City

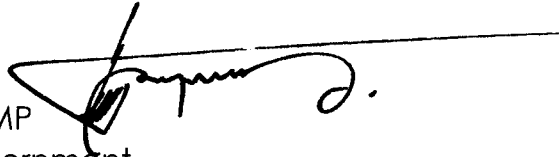
**(d) The Cities to take effect on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023 are;**

- i) Moroto City
- ii) Nakasongola City
- iii) Soroti City
- iv) Kabale City
- v) Wakiso City

Madam Speaker,

I beg to Move

**MOVED BY:** Hon. Tom R. Butime MP  
Minister of Local Government



**SECONDED BY:**

November 2019