

## Republic of Liberia NATIONAL ELECTIONS COMMISSION



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## CHAIRMAN'S MANDATE FOR ISSUANCE OF ELECTION WRITS FOR THE SENATORIAL BY-ELECTION FOR MONTSERRADO COUNTY AND THE SENATORIAL BY-ELECTION BONG COUNTY

TO: The Clerk of Writs

National Elections Commission (NEC)

WHEREAS, Article 37 of the Constitution of Liberia states that: "In the event of a vacancy in the Legislature caused by death, resignation, expulsion or otherwise, the presiding officer shall within 30 days notify the Elections Commission thereof. The Elections Commission shall not later than 90 days thereafter cause a by-election to be held; provided that where such vacancy occurs within 90 days prior to the holding of general elections, the filling of the vacancy shall await the holding of such general elections."

WHEREAS, on February 13, 2018, the National Elections Commission (NEC) received from the Honorable House of Senate a communication informing the NEC of two vacancies in the Senate regarding Montserrado and Bong Counties, respectively, which were caused by the election of former Senator George Manneh Weah as President of the Republic of Liberia and the election of former Senator Jewel Howard Taylor as Vice President of the Republic of Liberia.

WHEREAS, the holding of the next general elections is more than 90 days away; hence, the NEC is mandated by Article 37 of the Constitution to cause a by-election to be held in Montserrado County and a by-election to be held in Bong County not later than 90 days after receipt of notification from the Honorable House of Senate.

NOW, THEREFORE, with respect to the referenced vacancy in Montserrado County, I do hereby command you to issue Election Writs to the two Elections Magistrates of Montserrado County to conduct a Senatorial By-Election in their respective magisterial areas on the 8th Day of May 2018 from the hour of 8:00 Ante Meridian to 6:00 Post Meridian.

AND, with respect to the referenced vacancy in Bong County, I command you further to issue Election Writs to the two Elections Magistrates of Bong County to conduct a Senatorial By-Election in their respective magisterial areas on the 8th Day of May 2018 from the hour of 8:00 Ante Meridian to 6:00 Post Meridian.

AND I DO HEREBY DIRECT that the nomination of Candidates by registered Political Parties, Alliances, Coalitions, Independent Candidates concerning the said elections is scheduled to begin on the 15th Day of March 2018, and end on the 27th Day of March, A.D. 2018 at 5:00 Post Meridian.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL **ELECTIONS** NATIONAL THE OF (NEC) COMMISSION REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, THIS 6th DAY OF MARCH, A.D. 2018.

JEROME G. KORKOYA, J.D.

CHAIRMAN

NATIONAL ELECTIONS COMMISSION REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA