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HOMA BAY COUNTY

**Cyprian O. Awiti – Governor, Homa Bay County
Inauguration Speech
18th August 2017**

- Hon. Justice, Aaron Makau,
- Hon. Magistrate Thomas Atanga,
- Hon. Deputy Governor, Hamilton Orata
- Hon. Otieno Kajwang, Senator-elect,
- Hon. MPs-elect from the eight Constituencies,
- Hon. Gladys Wanga, Women Representative-elect,
- Hon. Speaker of Homa Bay County Assembly, Samuel Ochilo,
- County Commissioner, Mr Kassim Farrah,

- Hon. Members of the Homa County Assembly,
- Religious Leaders,
- All ODM Party officials,
- All invited Guests,
- Members of the Press,
- Distinguished People of Homa bay,
- Ladies and Gentlemen...

Praise the Lord!

- ❖ I stand before you this morning with a rare sense of humility and patriotism, to thank and appreciate you.
- ❖ I salute you because without your support, commitment and sacrifices, we would not be here today.

- ❖ On March 27, 2013 , to be exact, I stood before you, armed with the Holy Bible and surrounded by my family, to take a historic oath as the First Governor of Homa Bay.
- ❖ We sang and danced amid great hope, because the future looked very bright.
- ❖ I have returned before you here today, once more, because you have spoken loud and clear. You have braved harsh political environment to make a statement.
- ❖ You have withstood Propaganda and Intimidations. Ladies and Gentlemen, We are here this morning because you have told the world that it is Awiti, Tano Tena! Thank you for this Trust and Honour.

- ❖ I wish to sincerely thank our Party Leader, Rt Honourable Raila Amolo Odinga – the man who has suffered a great deal to deliver Devolution to this Country, for his support. I also thank our County ODM team, led by Hon. Gladys Wanga for burning their mid night oil to ensure the party's big victory in the region. We have once again proved that Homa Bay is One big and complete ripe Orange.
- ❖ I also would like to sincerely thank my campaign team, who spent many sleepless hours, planning and executing our complex campaign plans.
- ❖ I know many of you have not slept well. But it was worth it. You are great people. Thank you!

- ❖ Ladies and Gentlemen, unlike other counties, we are not breaking new ground. We are continuing with work. *Hapa, Kazi Inaendelea!*
- ❖ We will not waste any minute learning how devolution works.
- ❖ My deputy and I, have spent Five years, carefully studying this complex governance system. We have mastered it. We have laid the structures and our beacons of development have been laid all over the 8 sub counties.
- ❖ At this point, allow me to assure those who competed against me that I am today , in broad day light, extending an

olive branch. The fight is over. Let us unite and build this great County of Choice.

- ❖ Mine will be a government of Unity. It will be a government of the people, for the people and by the People. Don't fear, even if you mocked or abused us because everyone is welcome aboard this great ship of development.
- ❖ I will not spend time telling you about what we did in the first term, because you all know it. Our score card speaks for itself. You know what we did in Agriculture that has put us on the first lane to achieving food security and create employment.

- ❖ I trust you are aware of new projects we started, many of which have been completed. Our work on the Early Childhood Education speaks for itself.
- ❖ Of course you are aware that we are the first County build a tarmac road- the 33 kms Kadongo-Gendia road. I could go on and on but it will take the whole day.
- ❖ My dear County men and women, as we start the second and last phase under my stewardship, I wish to assure you that we have shifted gears. We will work overtime and diligently to deliver all our promises.

- ❖ Using the Social Development Goals and Vision 2030 guidelines, we will move with speed to implement our manifesto whose theme is Investing in Sustainable Development.
- ❖ Our commitment in improving health care, Food security, infrastructure, provision of clean water and sanitation, Affordable and clean Energy, investing on Industries and innovations, is well known.

- ❖ We will build peace, Justice and strong institutions behind strengthening partnerships with all stake holders and development partners.
- ❖ At this moment, Ladies and Gentlemen, allow me to thank our development partners, including local, international NGOs and the National government for standing with the County Government at the times of need. Our relationship will get even better.
- ❖ One of the areas of special focus this term, is the tourism sector.

- ❖ I promise here today, that in the next Five years, Homa bay must be at par with Mombasa as a top tourist destination in Kenya.
- ❖ Five years ago, Homa Bay County had few socio-economic activities. Today, it is tottering towards becoming a 24 hours economy. In 2012, Homa bay could relapse into pitch darkness after sunset, today, it's as bright as Nairobi or any other world class city.
- ❖ We have created many jobs in the informal sector. We have empowered the once despised Aswekra group by giving them Loans. Yet more better things awaits them.

- ❖ As we embark on the journey to our second term of office, I want to say that despite the challenges, I am proud of the achievements we have attained to date.
- ❖ We have made immense strides within the key pillars of both arms of our government and each of the ten departments of our executive. The assembly too has made very good progress.

Ladies and Gentlemen;

- ❖ Our County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP) has been our development map and it will remain so.

- ❖ Nothing will interrupt us. We know where we are and where we are going. We want to leave a great legacy. Kindly help us achieve this dream of making Homa bay a county of choice for ourselves and for the Investors.
- ❖ We are committed to roll out project implementation to develop our County.

Great people of Homa Bay,

My administration will offer Transformational leadership that ensures inclusivity and safety for all our citizens and guarantee their rights as enshrined in the Constitution of Kenya 2010.

I shall continue to offer quality leadership to ensure that Homa Bay becomes a safe, peaceful, healthy and food secure County
Creating wealth through sustainable industrial transformation

My government shall invest in industries that create direct employment to our women and youth.

Indeed, Devolution is on good course to develop Kenya and Homa Bay County.

Ladies and Gentlemen;

They say the journey of a thousand miles begins with just a step. This journey therefore may look tiresome to the faint-hearted, but we must face it with courage by working tirelessly and hope that God is on our side.

Let's all work together towards addressing its challenges and approach it in good faith, so that we realize its greatest benefit for our people.

God Bless Kenya, God Bless Homa Bay County and God Bless you ALL.