



# NATIONAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION (NEC)

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## PRESS RELEASE

### **DECLARATION OF ELECTION CAMPAIGN PERIODS FOR PARLIAMENTARY BYE ELECTION IN CONSTITUENCY 107- WESTERN AREA URBAN DISTRICT AND LOCAL COUNCIL BYE ELECTIONS IN WARD 10 - KAILAHUN DISTRICT COUNCIL, WARD 34 - KENEMA DISTRICT COUNCIL, WARD 261 - BONTHE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL AND WARD 329 - WESTERN AREA RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL**

1. In accordance with Section 148, sub Section (1) of the Public Elections Act 2012 (Act No. 4 of 2012), the National Electoral Commission (NEC), after consultations with registered political parties and candidates contesting the elections, declares the period Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2015 to Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2015 as Campaign periods for candidates contesting the Parliamentary Bye Election in Constituency 107- Western Area Urban District; Local Council Bye Elections in Ward 10- Kailahun District Council; Ward 34-Kenema District Council; Ward 261-Bonthe Municipal Council; Ward 329 - Western Area Rural District Council of the Republic of Sierra Leone.

2. A campaign calendar of events for political parties and their candidates and Independent Candidates shall be published by Government Notice as soon as possible, pursuant to Section 149 of the aforementioned Public Elections Act, 2012.

3. Political Parties, candidates contesting the elections, their agents and supporters are reminded about their civic obligations in accordance with Section 153 of the Public Elections Act, 2012 and to abide by the Code of Election Campaign Ethics, as provided for in Section 155, also of the Public Elections Act, 2012 and the Code of Conduct for Political Parties published by the Political Parties Registration Commission (PPRC), all of which they had already accepted and subscribed to.

The Commission wishes to entreat all contestants, supporters and the general public to be law abiding, and ensure that campaigns are free of violence and disruptions, as peaceful campaigns are a necessary condition for the conduct of transparent and credible elections as well as the sustainability of our hard won peace.

Dated this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October 2015

Signed:

  
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**Chief Electoral Commissioner and Chairman**  
**National Returning Officer**  
**National Electoral Commission**