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CLEAN CITIES INITIATIVE (PCCI)

Monrovia City Hall, Monrovia, Liberia

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Members of the Project Steering Committee; Fellow Cabinet colleagues; the City
Mayors of Monrovia and Paynesville;

Members of the Project Implementation Secretariat;

Participating Youths and Community-based Organizations; Distinguished Guests;
Members of the Press; Ladies and Gentlemen:

Good morning.

It is my honor to address you on behalf of His Excellency Joseph Nyuma Boakai, Sr.,
President of the Republic of Liberia, on the official launch of the Presidential Clean
Cities Initiative (PCCI), Phase One, and the commencement of orientation for
participants in Monrovia, Paynesville, and other participating locations.

This occasion marks an important step toward building cleaner, healthier communities
while creating structured, short-term employment opportunities for young Liberians. It
reflects the Government's commitment to addressing practical national challenges
through coordinated action, public participation, and accountable service delivery.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Urban sanitation is not merely about appearances. It is essential to public health, environmental protection, economic productivity, and national dignity. Poor waste management contributes to pollution, blocked drainage systems, flooding, and health risks.

Addressing these challenges requires the collective efforts of government institutions, local authorities, community organizations, businesses, and citizens.

Through the Ministry of State for Presidential Affairs, the Government of Liberia is implementing the Presidential Clean Cities Initiative under the leadership of President Joseph Nyuma Boakai, Sr. to buttress the efforts of municipal and county authorities in improving urban and community sanitation.

The PCCI is not a mere clean-up campaign. It is a coordinated government intervention that integrates urban sanitation, youth employment, community mobilization, public education, and accountability. Beyond removing waste, the Initiative seeks to promote lasting changes in how waste is handled and disposed of, while making cleanliness a shared civic responsibility.

Phase One will engage 1,250 youths and 30 community-based organizations across 14 cities and one township in eight counties. The recruited youths will support daily sanitation activities, while participating organizations will promote public awareness, community mobilization, and responsible waste management in collaboration with local authorities and the Project Implementation Secretariat.

For Monrovia and Paynesville, today's orientation marks the transition from planning and recruitment to organized field operations. It will prepare participants to carry out their assignments safely, professionally, and effectively.

The success of this Initiative will be measured not simply by the number of people engaged or the volume of waste collected, but also by the quality of implementation, the responsible use of public resources, the safety of participants, and the sustainability of sanitation improvements.

The Project Implementation Secretariat and its partners must therefore uphold operational standards, effective supervision, transparent reporting, and accountability throughout implementation.

To the participating young men and women, your selection presents an opportunity to earn income through honest work, gain practical experience, develop teamwork and leadership skills, and contribute directly to your communities. Sanitation is essential public service, and there is dignity in serving one's country.

I urge you to demonstrate punctuality, discipline, integrity, and professionalism. Use your tools and protective equipment properly, observe safety procedures, respect residents and businesses, and care for public property. Your conduct will help build public confidence in this Initiative.

To the participating community-based organizations, your responsibility extends beyond mobilizing residents. You are expected to promote positive sanitation practices, strengthen community ownership, and work closely with municipal authorities to sustain the improvements achieved beyond the project period.

Distinguished guests,

The success of the PCCI depends on effective partnerships. We acknowledge the cooperation of the Ministry of Local Government, Ministry of Information, Ministry of Youth and Sports, Environmental Protection Agency, City Governments of Monrovia and Paynesville, and all other participating institutions and local authorities.

We urge each partner to fulfill its responsibilities and support effective coordination, monitoring, and implementation.

We also call on market associations, business owners, community leaders, and residents to cooperate with sanitation teams, use designated waste collection arrangements where available, and discourage indiscriminate dumping. Government can mobilize workers, provide equipment, and organize sanitation services, but lasting progress requires every citizen to take responsibility for keeping their surroundings clean.

As implementation proceeds, the Project Implementation Secretariat and relevant institutions must ensure that activities are guided by measurable results, fair procedures, accurate reporting, and responsible resource management. Lessons from Phase One should inform improvements and help establish a practical, replicable approach to urban sanitation across Liberia.

Ladies and gentlemen,

On behalf of His Excellency President Joseph Nyuma Boakai, Sr., I commend the Project Steering Committee, the Project Implementation Secretariat, participating institutions, community-based organizations, local authorities, and all recruited youths for their contributions to this national effort.

Let us work together to make our streets cleaner, our communities healthier, our public spaces more welcoming, and our citizens more conscious of their shared responsibility for the environment.

It is therefore my honor, on behalf of His Excellency President Joseph Nyuma Boakai, Sr., to officially launch Phase One of the Presidential Clean Cities Initiative and declare the orientation program open for Monrovia, Paynesville, and all other participating cities and townships.

Thank you, and may God bless the Republic of Liberia.