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**MEDIA STATEMENT BY H.E GOVERNOR GLADYS WANGA, CBS, ON THE
UPCOMING PINY LUO EXTRAVAGANZA**

Ladies and gentlemen of the fourth estate, good morning and thank you for coming.

I will start by appreciating the very important work you do in keeping us and the masses informed, educated and entertained every new day. Your professionally executed role remains critical for the growth and development of our society. We may not say it all the time, but we appreciate you.

Please continue putting leadership in check with credibility even as you ensure citizens do not miss out on opportunities for their growth and development availed through the efforts of the leaderships.

Today however is a very important day, given the announcement I want to make here.

As the 4 Governors from the Luo Nyanza counties of Homabay, Siaya, Migori and Kisumu, in consultation with our Community political leader Rt. Hon Raila Amollo Odinga, we been in discussions on just how to revive the spirit of true togetherness, productivity and resourcefulness in our people. We have been thinking about

REVIVING because that was the epitome of a true Luo during the times of our forefathers.

To this end, we agreed to lead our people in going back to our roots. We have agreed to hold a socio-cultural event dubbed '**Piny Luo**' with the slogan **Jaluo gi tiende!**

Jaluo gi tiende – the authentic Luo who had regard for his surrounding and society, one who cared about his neighbour, a true Luo who worked hard in whatever economic activity they engaged in to ensure there is food on the table for those he/she cares for. That, is what Piny Luo will remind us all about.

It is an event that is aimed at bringing together the Luo Community through a convergence of various stakeholders within the community, in order to reignite in members of the community, a spirit of resourcefulness, productivity and togetherness, in the wake of the challenging socio economic and political circumstances bedevilling the Nation and world at the moment.

The extravaganza as will be communicated to you regularly moving forward, will be held here in Homa Bay between 30th June, and 1st July, and will involve prayers, a cultural exhibition of traditional artefacts, foods and medicine, sports and tourism among others. We will also have folk tales reminding us of the sojourns our forefathers whose determination, morality, productivity and togetherness despite existent threats during their times, made us who we are today as a community – revered by the admirers and scorned by detractors.

This event is expected to help us chart our destiny as a community.

On behalf of all my colleague Governors from the the Luo Nyanza Counties, I wish to extend a special invitation to everybody who has Luo blood in them, for the event that will surely be fun filled, eye opening, uniting and though provoking, as we seek to strengthen our oneness amidst the diversity.

As I indicated earlier, effective today, our various planning and execution committees will ensure, through the approved voice, that you have regular updates towards the event.

Piny Luo!

Jaluo gi tiende.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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