NEC Sets December 29 as By-Election Day in District 2, Lofa County

(Monrovia, 19 October 2015); The National Elections Commission (NEC) has set December 29, 2015 as the date for the conduct of the Representative By-Election in Electoral District Number 2, Lofa County.

The announcement was made Monday by Chairman Jerome Korkoya at programs marking the issuance of a Writ of Election on the Elections Magistrate of Lower Lofa County, Robert N. Sele.

During the ceremony, Chairman Korkoya urged the Clerk of Writs, Antoinette B. Johnson, to notify Magistrate Sele that, in line with the key dates for the By-Election, the deadline for Nomination of Candidates of registered political parties, alliances, coalitions and independent candidates for the By-Election is November 6, 2015.

Magistrate Sele was mandated to conduct the Representative By-Election in Electoral District Number 2 Lofa County from the Hour of 8:00AM to 6:00PM on December 29, 2015.

On October 6, the Speaker of the House of Representatives notified the National Elections Commission (NEC) of a vacancy in the House of Representatives.

The Notification, contained in a letter addressed to Chairman Korkoya stated that the vacancy is a result of the death of Lofa County Electoral District Number 2 Representative, Fofi Sahr Baimba.

The Notification constitutes the legal authority of the National Elections Commission to conduct a Representative By-Election in Electoral District Number 2, Lofa County and is a requirement of Article 37 of the Liberian constitution which, in relevant part, states that “In the event of a vacancy in the Legislature created 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…..”

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Clerk of Writs, Antoinette Johnson presents Writ to Magistrate Sele
Chairman Korkoya presents Writ of Election to Clerk of Wrists Johnson for onward presentation to Magistrate Sele