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PRESS RELEASE

### NEW MP, HON. ROSE MARIE BANGURA TAKES OATH OF OFFICE

The newly elected Member of Parliament for Constituency 066, Hon. Rose Marie Bangura has taken and subscribed to the oath of office for Members of Parliament on Wednesday 01<sup>st</sup> March 2017, as inscribed in the Third Schedule of the 1991 Constitution of Sierra Leone, following the death of Hon. Dr. Taworo Tara-Koroma of Constituency 066, Tonkolili District.

Hon. Bangura was returned as the winner in a strongly contested bye-election, by the National Returning Officer, who doubles as the Chief Electoral Commissioner of the country's elections management body.

After she has successfully subscribed and signed the oath of allegiance administered by the Clerk of Parliament, Hon. Ibrahim Sesay then handed her the parliamentary tools inclusive of "The 1991 Constitution of Sierra Leone, The Standing Orders of Parliament, and The Parliamentary Service Act 2007", before she was conducted to her seat by the Whip of Parliament. He then congratulated her on behalf of the Right Hon. Speaker of Parliament, SBB Dumbuya, who doubles as the Chairman of the Parliamentary Service Commission.



Clerk administers oath to Hon. Rose Marie Bangura

The Parliament of Sierra Leone is now fully constituted with APC retaining 70 Members, SLPP-42, and 12 Paramount Chiefs totaling 124.

Following the national launch of the "HeForShe" campaign at the State Hall of Parliament on the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2017, where Government and MPs pledged to continuously adopt and implement measures aimed at the protection and promotion of women's rights as embedded in the 17-Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to be attained by 2030. Some of the SDGs are inclusive of the eradication of poverty, education for all, access to justice, women's rights to inheritance and participation in politics.

The Parliament of Sierra Leone has passed a plethora of gender-sensitive laws such as the "The Devolution of Estates Act 2007 and the "The Sexual Offences Act 2012" with the view of promoting women's rights geared towards gender equality in the country. In this light, the

Parliament of Sierra Leone has increased her female representation to 15, inclusive of 08-APC and 07-SLPP.

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