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BOARD RESOLUTION # 2026- 09

**LIFTING THE MORATORIUM ON THE PROCESSING OF NEW COMMUNITY
FOREST APPLICATIONS**

WHEREAS, the Forestry Development Authority (FDA) is a statutory autonomous public corporation established under the Act Creating the Forestry Development Authority of 1976, with responsibility for the sustainable management, conservation, protection, and utilization of Liberia's forest resources for the benefit of present and future generations;

WHEREAS, the Community Rights Law of 2009 with Respect to Forest Lands recognizes and protects the rights of communities to access, manage, use, conserve, and benefit from forest resources, subject to the requirements of law and the principles of sustainable forest management;

WHEREAS, the Regulations to the Community Rights Law of 2009 with Respect to Forest Lands, as amended, establish the procedures and requirements governing applications for Authorized Forest Community status, including community participation, verification of forest resources, boundary identification and demarcation, resolution of competing claims, establishment of representative community governance structures, and execution of Community Forest Management Agreements;

WHEREAS, the FDA previously instituted an administrative moratorium on the processing of new Community Forest applications as a measure to address concerns relating to the administration, governance, monitoring, and sustainability of community forestry operations and to strengthen institutional oversight and compliance with applicable forestry laws and regulations, and the FDA Management has now requested the Board of Directors to lift the moratorium given the improvement in community forest governance;

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that community forestry constitutes an important mechanism for advancing community rights, improving rural livelihoods, promoting sustainable forest management, strengthening local participation in forest governance, and contributing to Liberia's national conservation and development objectives; and

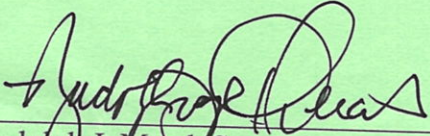
WHEREAS, the Board has duly considered the request of the FDA Management and, after deliberations, considers it appropriate to authorize the resumption of processing new Community Forest applications, subject to strict adherence to the Community Rights Law of 2009, its implementing regulations, as amended, the National Forestry Reform Law of 2006, the Land Rights Act of 2018, and other applicable laws and regulations of the Republic of Liberia.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
FORESTRY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AS FOLLOWS:**

1. That the moratorium previously imposed by the Forestry Development Authority on the receipt and processing of new Community Forest applications is hereby formally lifted, effective upon adoption of this Resolution, and that the FDA Management is authorized and directed to resume receiving, registering, assessing, verifying, and processing new Community Forest applications in accordance with the Community Rights Law of 2009 with Respect to Forest Lands and its implementing regulations, as amended.
2. That the Managing Director of the Forestry Development Authority is hereby authorized and directed to take all necessary and lawful administrative, technical, and institutional measures to give full effect to this Resolution and that Management shall ensure that the implementation of this Resolution remains consistent with the Authority's statutory mandate.

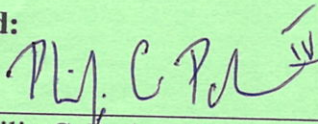
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have subscribed our names and signatures and affixed the Forestry Development Authority's seal on this 27th day of August 2025 in the City of Paynesville, Montserrado County, Republic of Liberia.

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Rudolph J. Merab Sr.
Secretary

Approved:



Philip C. Parker IV
Chairman