



## **MALAWI ELECTORAL COMMISSION**

### **GENERAL ELECTION ORDER**

**Under section 36 (1) of the Parliamentary and Presidential Elections Act,  
and  
Under section 28 (1) of the Local Government Elections Act**

**WHEREAS** it is provided by law that the Electoral Commission (the “Commission”) shall organize, conduct and supervise Parliamentary, Presidential and Local Government Elections;

**WHEREAS** it is provided under the Parliamentary and Presidential Elections Act and under the Local Government Elections Act that the Commission shall appoint the place, date and time for the receipt by the Returning Officer of the nominations of candidates;

**WHEREAS** it is provided under the Parliamentary and Presidential Elections Act and under the Local Government Elections Act that all political parties and candidates shall have the right to campaign in public in an election;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Commission issues notice and declares that:

1. General elections shall be conducted on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2019 throughout Malawi in all constituencies, wards and polling stations from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
2. The Commission has appointed Constituency and Ward Returning Officers as appearing in **SCHEDULE 1**.
3. The Commission has appointed the dates beginning 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019 to 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019 as the period during which nomination papers shall be received from candidates by the Returning Officers as follows.

### **Member of Parliament and Local Council**

- 3.1. Constituency and Ward: Returning Officer shall receive nomination papers from candidates wishing to contest for the office of Member of Parliament and Local Council from 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019 to 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on each day at the places outlined in **SCHEDULE 1**. Nomination papers will be made available for collection by aspiring candidates or their representatives from District Commissioner's office and the Constituency and Ward Returning Officer's offices for independent candidates and Secretaries General for those who will be sponsored by political parties from 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2019.

### **President**

- 3.2. The Chief Elections Officer shall receive nomination papers from candidates wishing to contest for the office of President of the

Republic of Malawi at the Electoral Commission Offices at **COMESA Hall** in Blantyre from 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019 to 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019. Nomination papers will be made available for collection by aspiring candidates or their representatives from the Electoral Commission Offices at Blantyre from 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2019.

4. Campaigning shall commence on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019 and shall close on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 6:00 a.m.

Declared this 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018 at Blantyre

**SAM ALFANDIKA**  
Chief Elections Officer