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## NO. 14 OF 2019

## IRRIGATION ACT

[Date of assent: 29th July, 2019.]

[Date of commencement: 16th August, 2019.]

**AN ACT of Parliament to provide for the development, management and regulation of irrigation, to support sustainable food security and socioeconomic development in Kenya, and for connected purposes**

[Act No. 14 of 2019.]

## PART I – PRELIMINARY

**1. Short title**

This Act may be cited as the Irrigation Act, 2019.

**2. Interpretation**

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

**"agriculture"** has the meaning assigned to it under section 2 of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Authority Act, 2013 (No. 13 of 2013);

**"Authority"** means the National Irrigation Authority established under section 7;

**"authorized"** means authorized by or under this Act;

**"Board"** means the Board of the Authority established under section 9;

**"Cabinet Secretary"** means the Cabinet Secretary for the time being responsible for matters relating to irrigation;

**"Chief Executive Officer"** means the Chief Executive Officer of the Authority appointed under section 12;

**"commercial irrigation farmer"** means a farmer who by means of irrigation grows crops primarily for sale;

**"county irrigation development unit"** means the unit or entity established by a county government to carry out irrigation matters under section 14;

**"Department"** means State Department of Irrigation;

**"Dispute Resolution Committee"** means the Dispute Resolution Committee established under section 8(2)(d);

**"farmer"** includes a crop, livestock or fish farmer;

**"irrigation"** means any process, other than by natural precipitation, which supplies water to crops or any other cultivated plants, livestock, aquaculture and desired forest trees;

**"irrigation scheme"** means a systematic and orderly irrigation system covering a defined area of land regardless of the type or system of irrigation employed;

**"irrigation management transfer"** means the transfer to the users of authority and responsibility for both governance and delivery of management services in an irrigation and drainage scheme;