**SPEECH BY THE MINISTER OF THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS HONOURABLE FRANK MUSEBA TAYALI, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR NDOLA CENTRAL,**

**AT THE LAUNCH OF THE PROGRAMMES FOR NUMESA**

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**All Protocols observed,**

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

I am deeply humbled and honoured to be invited to this event. I am equally humbled and honoured to be requested to be patron for this Programme. Firstly, I want to thank the President of Zambia, Mr. Hakainde Hichilema for creating a conducive environment for NGOs like NUMESA to be able to operate.

NUMESA is an NGO which focuses on providing good nutrition, mental health and safe space for vulnerable children and young adults. The programme we are launching today is largely focused on mental health especially for school going children.

I want to thank the CEO and the Team for the noble cause that has been chosen. I am sure that most people should be wondering why mental health for the young. This has been a highly neglected area of health services where almost no one is providing a service for school children who would like to talk to someone about a lot of things happening in their lives including being enticed into drug abuse. I appeal to the community to seriously look into this matter and assist.

I also appeal to every student and young people who might not be students to get the services that will be provided by NUMESA in collaboration with the line ministries, the public and private partners.

as Member of Parliament for Ndola Central and patron for NUMESA, I will ensure that NUMESA succeeds in trying to alleviate the problems faced by families and individuals in as far as MENTAL HEALTH concerned.

I therefore appeal to commercial institutions those present, within Ndola and outside to financially, materials support all the affected families and individuals by donating to NUMESA, who have already established good accountability systems implement the Programmes.

Thank you very much for your attention and May God bless you and bless this Great Nation.