

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE NATIONAL ANTHEM OF NIGERIA, AND FOR
RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Benjamin Kalu

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ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of
Nigeria-

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1. On the date of commencement of this Bill, the national anthem of the Federal Republic of Nigeria shall be "Nigeria, We Hail Thee," which is prescribed in the Schedule to this Bill.

2. -(1) The national anthem of the Federal Republic of Nigeria shall be a national symbol and sign of authority.

(2) All persons, individuals or corporate entities, shall respect the national anthem and preserve the dignity of the national anthem.

3. The national anthem shall be performed and sung on the following occasions:

(a) opening and closing ceremonies of Federal Executive Council, and State Executives Council meetings;

(b) opening and closing of sittings of Legislative Houses in Nigeria;

(c) Constitutional oath-swearing ceremonies;

(d) Flag-raising ceremonies;

(e) Major celebrations, major award ceremonies, major commemorative ceremonies, national memorial ceremonies and the like, which are organized by MDAs;

(f) major diplomatic activities;

(g) major sporting events;

(h) other occasions as may from time to time, be determined by the minister
- National Anthem

A National Symbol and Sign of Authority

Mandatory performance or singing of the National Anthem

	1	responsible for education with the consent of the President.
Prohibition of Alteration of Lyrics	2	4. The Performance and singing of the national anthem shall follow
	3	the lyrics prescribed by the Federal Government of Nigeria.
Composure when the National Anthem is performed or Sung	4	5. When the national anthem is performed and sung-
	5	(a) those present shall stand and deport respectfully, and
	6	(b)At flag-raising ceremonies, those present shall face the flag, and
	7	uniformed military personnel, Police and other Security personnel are to give a
	8	hand salute, and other persons are to look on in respect.
Standards and Official Recording	9	6. -(1) The Ministry responsible for information shall organize the
	10	review and approval of the standard for performance of the national anthem,
	11	and record the official recording of the national anthem to be played.
	12	(2) The standard and official recorded versions of the national anthem
	13	shall be published on the Federal Government of Nigeria's website.
Part of Civic Education	14	7. Primary and Secondary schools shall make the lyrics of the
	15	national anthem part of the civic education and organize pupils and students to
	16	learn the national anthem.
The National Prayer	17	8. The second stanza of the former national anthem shall be the
	18	national prayer.
Interpretation	19	9. In this Bill, unless otherwise indicated by the context:
	20	'Former national anthem' means, 'Arise O Compatriot';
	21	MDAs means Ministries, Departments and Agencies of Government;
Citation	22	10. This Bill may be cited as the National Anthem Bill, 2024.

1	SCHEDULE	
2		<i>Section 1</i>
3	Nigeria, We Hail Thee	
4	Nigeria we hail thee	
5	Our own dear native land	
6	Though tribes and tongues may differ	
7	In brotherhood, we stand	
8	Nigerians all, are proud to serve	
9	Our sovereign Motherland.	
10	Our flag shall be a symbol	
11	That truth and justice reign	
12	In peace or battle, honour'd,	
13	And this we count as gain,	
14	To hand on to our children	
15	A banner without stain.	
16	O God of all creation	
17	Grant this our one request.	
18	Help us to build a nation	
19	Where no man is oppressed	
20	And so with peace and plenty	
21	Nigeria may be blessed.	

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to provide for the National Anthem of Nigeria,