A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCHES NATIONWIDE

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		Commencement
	BE IT ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal	
	Republic of Nigeria as follows:	
1	1(1) This Bill shall establish a Ward Security Watch (hereinafter	
2	referred to as "Watches"), in every ward in Nigeria.	
3	(2) It shall be the duty of every ranking Traditional Ruler in the	
4	ward to set up Watches in every ward in each Local Government Area.	
5	(3)The Watches shall be coordinated by every elected Councillor	
5	in every ward of every Local Government in Nigeria.	-
7	(4) Every Councillor shall be responsible to each Local	
8	Government Chairman.	
9	(5) The Watches shall comprise 10 citizens of Nigeria resident in	
10	the ward and known to be of outstanding character who are held in high	
11	esteem in each community.	
12	(6) Membership of the Watches shall be voluntary and the	
13	members shall not be entitled to paid remuneration.	
14	(7) Each of the Watches shall have a Chairman who shall act as	
15	presiding officer and a secretary.	
16	(8) Every police station in every ward shall have a Watch Liaison	
17	Officer whose responsibility shall be to maintain open communication with	
18	Watches in the ward.	
19	(9) It shall be the duty of the Divisional Police Officer to nominate	
20	and supervise the Watch Liaison Officer.	
21	(10) The Divisional Police Officer in each ward shall make a	
22	monthly report of activities of Watches in his ward which shall be relayed to	

	1	the State Commissioner of Police.
	2	(11) The State Commissioner of Police shall make a monthly report of
	3	Watches in his state which shall be relayed to the Inspector General of Police
	4	the Director General of the Department of State Security and the National
	5	Security Adviser.
Functions of Watches	6	2. The function of Watches shall be to:
Walciics	7	(a) Identify and keep a written record of all residents of their ward and
	8	familiarize themselves with the day to day activities in their ward.
	9	(b) Report any suspicious person, movement or activity within their
	10	ward to the Watch Liaison Officer.
	11	(c) Make a monthly report of activities within the ward to the Watch
	12	Liaison Officer.
Protection for Members of	13	3. The members of Watches shall be protected from retaliation by
Watches	14	terrorists, criminals, felons or any other persons whose activities shall come to
	15	the attention of the security services through their efforts in the following
	16	manner:
	17	(a) It shall be the duty of the police, the Department of State Security
	18	and other security agencies to follow up on reports from Watches and in doing
	19	so shall not put members of Watches in jeopardy.
	20	(b) Where information provided by member of Watches leads to the
	21	arrest and prosecution of terrorists, criminals, felons or any other persons, the
	22	members of Watches shall not be compelled to testify in courts neither shall the
	23	terrorists, criminals, felons or any other persons be informed of the source of
	24	the information leading to his or her arres
	25	(c) Reports from Watches may andered in court as evidence in
•	26	chambers to the trial judge only and the identification details of members must
	27	be redacted.
upremacy of fill of Bill on	28	4. Where the provisions of this Bill contradicts the provision of any
xisting Law	29	other law, the provision of this Bill shall provide the law to the extent
	30	of the contradiction shall be deen

1	5. This Bill may be cited as the Establishment of Ward Security	Citation t
2	Watches Nationwide Bill, 2015.	
3	6. Where the provisions of this Bill contradicts the provision of	
4	any other law, the provision of this Bill shall prevail and that other law to the	
5	extent of the contradiction shall be deemed void.	
	EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM	•
	This Bill seeks to Establish Ward Security Watches Nationwide to increase	

This Bill seeks to Establish Ward Security Watches Nationwide to increase our nation's security infrastructure and help reduce incidences of terrorism, insecurity and other forms of criminality.

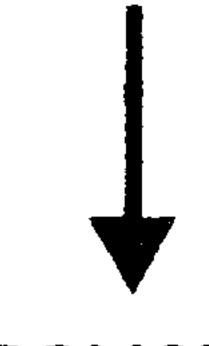
CHAIN OF COMMAND FOR THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH (10 PEOPLE) TRADITIONAL RULER

COUNCILLOR

FOR EVERY WARD OF EVERY LOCAL
GOVERNMENT AREA

LOCAL GOVERNMENT CHAIRMAN



POLICE

Every Police station in every ward will have a Watch Liaison Officer

DIVISIONAL POLICE OFFICER



Nominates and supervises Watch Liaison
Officer. Reports to the Commissioner of
Police

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE