SPEECH OF THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR OF KATSINA STATE FOR THE LAUNCH OF SEXUAL ASSAULT REFERRAL CENTER (SARC) UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF GIRL CHILD EDUCATION AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

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Today is a momentous occasion as we gather here to inaugurate a vital initiative that stands as a testament to our unwavering commitment to the welfare and safety of our citizens, particularly the vulnerable members of our society-the launch of the Sexual Assault Referral Center under the Department of Girl Child Education and Child Development.

In the pursuit of a more just, inclusive, and compassionate Katsina State, we embarked on a journey to address one of the most pressing issues facing our society-sexual assault. It is with great pride and a profound sense of responsibility that we unveil this center, a dedicated space that will provide immediate and comprehensive support to survivors, and strive to create an environment where justice prevails.

The establishment of the Sexual Assault Referral Center is not merely a symbolic gesture; it is a concrete step towards creating a society where survivors are heard, supported, and empowered to rebuild their lives. It is a reflection of our collective commitment to eradicating the stigma associated with sexual assault, and a resounding message that such acts will not be tolerated within the boundaries of our great state.

The achievements we celebrate today are a result of collaborative efforts, strategic planning, and the dedicated work of the Department of Girl Child Education and Child Development. This department, under the able leadership of our Special Adviser, has demonstrated unparalleled commitment and resilience in shaping policies and initiatives that prioritize the welfare and development of our girl child population.

I extend my heartfelt appreciation to the entire team at the Department of Girl Child Education and Child Development for their tireless efforts in making this center a reality. Your commitment to our shared vision of a safer and more inclusive society has not gone unnoticed.

To the survivors who may seek refuge in this center, know that you are not alone. This center stands as a beacon of hope, offering not just medical and legal support but a community that cares about your healing and well-being. We pledge to continue working towards a society where your voices are heard, your rights are protected, and where justice is served without delay.

As we launch this Sexual Assault Referral Center, let us all commit to fostering an environment of empathy, understanding, and support. It is our collective responsibility to stand against sexual

assault, to educate our communities, and to ensure that survivors find solace and justice in our society.

In conclusion, I want to express my deep gratitude to the citizens of Katsina State for their unwavering support and trust. Together, we will continue to build a state that values the well-being of every individual, leaving no one behind.

Thank you, and may this center be a symbol of our collective commitment to a safer and more compassionate Katsina State.