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Mphathi wohlelo

His Majesty, the King- Misuzulu kaZulu

UNdlunkulu okaMayisela

Indlunkulu yonke

Abantwana BaseNdlunkulu namazinyane

Usihlalo Wamakhosi ase KZN: Inkosi Shinga

Amakhosi

Members of the Excecutive Council present

Members of the KZN Legislature

Mayors and Cllrs

Abefundisi



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Business leaders

Izivakashi ezivela kwezinye izifunda

Omama

Sanibonani nonke.

Egameni kikaHulumeni waKwaZulu-Natal ngaphansi kobuholi bukaNdunankulu uMama uNomusa Dube-Ncube ngiyanibulisa nonke ekuseni.

I am highly pleased to be part of this special ceremony that reminds us of who we are as Africans and what we value and hold dear as a way of life. I am grateful that this ceremony is getting the space and opportunity it so deserves.

As we begin the **Women's Month** siyakhumbula iqhaza elabanjwa abesifazane ngo1956 ngenkathi bemashela eziNdlini zoMbuso belwela ukuqedwa kokuphathwa kwamapasi. Nakhona bakwenza lokhu ngoba base bekhathele ukuthi ngisho abayeni babo babehliswa isithunzi ngokuboshelwa ukuphatha ipasi.

Even today I wish to pay a special tribute to the departed Queen Mantfombi, the mother of the reigning King for her gallant role in reviving this ceremony and for the incumbent uNdlunkulu to see the need to keep its flame burning.

Silo samabandla;

Ngaphambi kokuthi ngiqhubeke ngifisa nami ukwedlulisa amazwi kaHulumeni wesiFundazwe okufisela uNdunankulu kaZulu, uMntwana waKwaPhindangene ukwelulama njengoba idunguzela nje iMbabazane. Sinani emikhulekweni.

Wena weSilo;

Ngimile nje lapha ngenhlonipho ngifake izigqoko ezimbili, lesi sokuba nguNgqongqoshe waloMnyango wezeMidlalo, amaCiko namaSiko esiFundazweni, ngiphinde ngime lapha ngokujutshwa iKhabhinethi, isiGungu esiphezulu njengoShampeni walesiFunda saseZulu. Ngibonga wena Zinyane lamaKhosi akwaZulu ukungeseka kuyona yomibili lemisebenzi futhi ngizizwa ngihloniphekile ngoba phakathi kweZululand kukhona neHlalankosi, izigodlo kanjalo namaliba amakhosi onke akithi KwaZulu.

Zinyane lamakhosi asendulo;



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Angimile lapha ukuzogeqa amagula ngoba angemuki kodwa nje ukuzodlulisa umyalezo kaHulumeni wabantu bakho obaholayo.

Our social cohesion agenda, as a Department and as KwaZulu-Natal, hinges on ceremonies like which have proven over time that it brings together all people from all walks of life and define the role of women as critical matriarchs and nucleus of our society. It is not only the appreciation of ceremonies like this, but the understanding of its power as a language of unity, compassion, unity, peace and prosperity.

Wena weSilo;

The KZN Department of Sport, Arts and Culture (KZNSAC) derives its primary mandate from the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, Act 108 of 1996 whose preamble states that ***“We, the people of South Africa believe that South Africa belongs to all who live in it, united in our diversity.”***

It further states that ***“We adopt the Constitution as the supreme law of the Republic so as to heal the divisions of the past and establish a society based on democratic values, social justice and fundamental human rights.”***

It is within this broad constitutional context that the important role of sport, arts and culture in shaping the country’s identity, perception of itself and how it relates to the international community of nations is recognised.

The Department must preserve, develop, protect and promote, lift the mood through sport, the culture, heritage and linguistic diversity and legacy of South Africa and lead nation-building and social cohesion through societal transformation.

Lomkhosi-ke ungaphansi kwakho konke lokhu esengikushilo. Futhi sikwenza lokhu ngokuthi singashiyi muntu emuva; **WE LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND.**



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Wena weMbube;

In terms of alignment with Government priorities; through this ceremony we seek improved participation of communities in culture and heritage platforms to create a diverse socially cohesive society with a common national identity.

Bese kungacini lapho siphinde siqinisekise ukuthi imikhosi yaseNdlunkulu ayibi nje imicimbi kodwa iba indlela esixhumana ngayo singabantu siphinde sizigqaje.

Ngiyaziqhenya kakhulu ngoMama beSiphithiphithi ngokuyibamba lento baphinde bahole ngobuqotho nobunyoninco labo abesifazane abasebancane kwimikhosi efana nalena.

Wena kaNdaba;

Ngangishilo silaphayana kwaCeza eMkhulekweni weSilo uDinuzulu ukuthi singuHulumeni wesiFundazwe sizoqhubeka sixhase lemikhosi nemicimbi yaseNdlunkulu futhi ngayo sense isiHlalo sizinze.

Yilamazwi nje engisukuma ngawo Ndlulamithi yeMbube egameni likaHulumeni wesiFundazwe.

Thank you. Siyabonga.

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