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**INTRODUCTORY REMARKS TO THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF HEALTH
BY KZN MEC FOR SPORT, ARTS AND CULTURE DR NTUTHUKO
MAHLABA ON THE OCCASION OF INGOMA YASEMBUMBULU**

**MBUMBULU SPORTS GROUNDS
WARD 96, ETHEKWINI**

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Deputy Health Minister; Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo
Local Ward Councillor; Cllr L Makhanya
Senior officials from the Health and KZND SAC
Inkosi Makhanya
Izinduna zesizwe sakwaMakhanya
Izinsizwa zeNgoma
Izintombi zomhlanga noNomezela
Ladies and gentlemen*

Good day,
I greet you all,
*Ngiyanibingelela nonke. Sanibonani nonke eMbumbulu
Naze nabahle.*

Namuhla usuku oluhle kulesigodi sezingqalabutho zethu ezifana noAnton Lembede owazalelwa kusona lesiFunda saseMbumbulu Magisterial District, eEston ngo 21 March 2014, ironically a day we use to celebrate Human Rights.



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UAnton Muziwakhe Lembede owaklonyeliswa ngeOrder of Luthuli wayeyingqalabutho kuANCY futhi nguyena owaba nguMongameli wokuqala kaVukayibambe – ANCY Youth League.

Lembede has been described as "the principal architect of South Africa's first full-fledged ideology of African nationalism"

He was the epitome of what aspiration of freedom and Africanism. His blood on those railway tracks was not shed in vain. As we celebrate this **Africa Month this May and 30 YEARS OF DEMOCRACY**, we dip our revolutionary flags in honour of his gallant spirit and bravery. Using law and his superior debating skills, Lembede single-handedly demonstrated great passion and bravery in the struggle for the liberation of our people.

I am also happy that this place produced Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo, my fellow comrade, physician and former chairperson of this region. It is also quite fitting yet ironic that we both once served as Mayors in Newcastle. I am trying to paint a picture of the importance of Imbumbulu to you all.

On a lighter note, nabanye oDhlomo yabakhiqiza iMbumbulu njengo-Oscar Dhlomo owake waba nguNgqongqoshe wezeMfundo kuHulumeni waKwaZulu. I am saying this because history is history and it has no blank pages!

Dinangwe;

Owami umsebenzi namuhla ulula kakhulu ngoba ngizokwethula wena kubantu bakini kodwa futhi abakwaziyo nabazi igalelo lakho njengoMholi kulendawo.

Kodwa-ke angidlule lapho ngisho ukuthi silapha singuHulumeni kaANC sithunywe uMongameli u**Cyril Matamela Ramaphosa** noNdunankulu wethu esiFundazweni u**Mama uNomusa Dube** kanye neNhlango ebuzayo, iNhlango yabantu uAfrican National Congress ukuzonikhumbuza ukuthi kuyini ukuphila ngaphansi **kweNkululeko nobuAfrika.**



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UMatamela uthe asilethe kubantu usizo lwezempilo kwathu uNdunankulu uNzwakele wathi asenze okuzobumba abantu bakithi, kungakho silapha namuhla.

Silapha ngohlelo lwengoma esilubamba ngenyanga esithi ngayo eyaseAfrica – AFRICA MONTH elandela i-FREEDOM MONTH iphinde yandulele i-YOUTH MONTH

Ngenyanga eyedlule bengishumayela ivangeli lenkululeko ngisho ukuthi namhlanje inkululeko isho ukuthi izingane azisakhokhi ezikole ngisho eNyuvesi futhi ziphuma emakhaya lapho zihlala ezindlini ezizikwe uHulumeni wona lona kaKhongolose.

Bengisho futhi Dunangwe ukuthi **iFREEDOM MONTH** isikhumbuza okuningi osekwenziwe uHulumeni kaANC ukubumbanisa abantu – **SOCIAL COHESION** esingayo namuhla lapha eMbumbulu. Ukuhlangana nje kanjena sizojabula kwakungabakhwekazi ngezikhathi zobandlululo lapho sasingavunyelwe nhlobo ukuhlangana sibe abantu abayiqoqo ngaphandle kokuthola imvume ngaphansi **kweGATHERING ACT**. Sasihlukaniswe nawumthetho **weGROUP AREAS ACT**.

INKULULEKO isho ukuthi siyahlangana senze okungokwethu kobuAFRIKA okuhlanganisa thina kuphinde kujabulise thina. **INKULULEKO** isho ukuthi siyagqoka kanjena imifaniswano yethu ngaphandle kokuqalaza ukuthi ubani uzothini – lokhu esithi phecelezi **FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION**.

Ngithanda ukudlulisa umyalezo kaKhongolose sisaya okhethweni othi sonke masiphume sigqugquzele wonke umuntu nemindenani yethu ukuthi baphume bayovota.

Njengoba lisavulekile ithuba lamavoti ayisipesheli asilisebenzise uma sazi ukuthi ngosuku lokuVota angeke sikwazi ukuba lapho sifisa khona

Let me remind all of us that, beyond the usual government jargon surrounding the vision and mission of our department, our primary responsibility is a significant one, but it is not insurmountable.



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As a collective in the fields of sports, arts, and culture, our mission is to uplift the spirits of our nation's mood through sports and the arts. Sports and Arts have the remarkable power to unite people from all walks of life, regardless of their circumstances or backgrounds.

I have recognised the need to initiate something that will unite us and help us move forward purposefully and **IZINGOMA** are one of those.

IZINGOMA are part of our department's mandate to plant and nurture the seed of social cohesion in all communities. Ingoma yaseMbumbulu is one example of how we are weaving **social fibre, knot by knot and thread by thread**. Ingoma yaseMbumbulu like all other izingoma is supported by KwaZulu-Natal Department of Sport, Arts and Culture and they are positioned to amplify social cohesion and promote art development and diversity.

Ngaphambi kokuthi ngihlale phansi ngithanda uykusukumisa uBaba uDinagwe, uDokotela uDhlomo who was born in UMbumbulu.

A keen scholar with an insatiable appetite for acquiring knowledge, today he holds about 3 Degrees and 6 Diplomas mainly related to Health sciences. His humble contribution to the emancipation of the people of South Africa saw him joining the Military Wing of ANC and his activities led to his incarceration in Robben Island in the 1980's.

On his return, he served the people of South Africa as follows:

- Town of Newcastle both as a Mayor and as a Medical Practitioner.
 - Academic at the University of KwaZulu-Natal lecturing in Public Health and advising the Vice Chancellor.
 - South Africa National Defence Force where he was bestowed a rank of a Brigadier General.
 - Ethekewini Municipality as a Deputy City Manager responsible for Health and social services
 - Member of KZN Legislature as KZN MEC for Health for 10 years
 - eThekewini ANC Region as a chairperson
 - Member of Parliament appointed a chairperson of health portfolio committee
- Dr Dhlomo, an intellectual; a Freedom Fighter; a Medical Practitioner is a proud dad to three.

Dinagwe!

Ngiyabonga