

Tuesday, 13 July 2010

## **Sedibeng Celebrates the International Nelson Mandela Day “Contribute 67 minutes of your time to the less fortunate”**

In honour and recognition of the World Statesman and the Nobel Peace Prize laureate's contribution to resolving conflicts and promoting race relations, human rights and reconciliation across the world, the 18<sup>th</sup> of July has been declared the International Nelson Mandela Day. As the whole world celebrates this day, still in the joy of the best 2010 FIFA World Cup ever held on the African continent, South Africa as a whole, prides itself of its first ever democratically elected former State President, Nelson Rolihlahla 'Madiba' Mandela, the founding father of our beautiful rainbow nation, on his 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday.

The whole world is flooded with lessons of his selflessness, by giving of himself, going way beyond the call of duty in the service of those who were less fortunate. It is through his commitment to the cause of freedom, forsaking the comfort of his family, giving his all to ensure that the South African nation is free at last.

This year, on which we commemorate the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his release from prison, we celebrate the first International Nelson Mandela Day. It would be careless of us as the Sedibeng District Municipality to fail to honour the sacrifices made by Nelson Mandela. This would also cast serious doubts on our part, more so in view of the fact that the whole world still looks on our area as “*The Cradle of Human Rights Struggles of South Africa*” an honour he gave to Sedibeng Region as a whole.

We would be totally out of line with the rest of the world if we were to fail to honour Madiba. For indeed we have the honour of having the South African Constitutional Square in Sedibeng. To that end, in honour of the great Nelson Mandela, Sedibeng District Municipality, takes this opportunity to invite our communities throughout the District / Region in general, and Lakeside Block 6 in particular, together with neighboring townships, Sebokeng, Evaton and others, to join us in the celebration of this our own national icon on his birthday.

As part of Nelson Mandela's volunteering spirit, we as Sedibeng District Municipality, will engage in a ***Clean-Up Campaign in Lakeside, Block 6, on Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> July 2010.*** This is an area that houses people living with disabilities, the only place of its kind in the whole country, wherein houses built by the government, were made to be compatible to the various needs caused by disabilities.

It is for this reason therefore that the Executive Mayor of Sedibeng District Municipality, Councillor Mahole Simon Mofokeng together with his counterparts from our constituent Local Municipalities,



invites all community members to this noble occasion. The event will start at 10h00 to 14h00 on Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> July 2010 and refreshments will be served.

We hope to see you there

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