

**MAYOR'S SPEECH AT THE 2008 MAYORAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS**  
**AT THE JUDES KLASS MEMORIAL HALL ON 29 AUGUST 2008**

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COUNCILLORS  
OOSINGABO, OUR NOMINEES  
COLLEAGUES AND FRIENDS  
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO STAND HERE TONIGHT AND BE PART OF THE INAUGURAL MAYORAL AWARDS TARGETING THE ACHIEVERS AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF OUR MUNICIPALITIES.

I WOULD FURTHER LIKE TO THANK YOU ALL FOR ENHANCING THE STATURE OF THIS OCCASION BY YOUR VALUABLE PRESENCE.

IN SECHABA, THE ANC EXILE PUBLICATION OF JUNE 1967, THE THEN PRESIDENT OF THE ANC OLIVER REGINALD TAMBO DECLARED "JUNE 26 IS A DAY OF REDEDICATION TO THE SACRED CAUSE OF LIBERATING OUR MOTHERLAND'

WHEN EXPRESSING THIS PLEDGE, OLIVER TAMBO WAS SPEAKING ON A DIFFERENT PLATFORM AND IN A DIFFERENT EPOCH. HOWEVER, HIS SENTIMENTS ARE STILL RELEVANT THIS EVENING AS I STAND HERE BEFORE YOU AT THESE MAYORAL AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE DINNER WHERE WE PAY TRIBUTE TO FALLEN HEROES AND SALUTE NEW ONES.

THE LATE PRESIDENT OF OUR MOVEMENT WAS INVOKING THE SPIRIT OF 'FORWARD ALWAYS, BACKWARDS NEVER'. AND AS THE MAYOR I STAND HERE TO INVOKE THE SAME SPIRIT FOR A SIMILAR CAUSE. THE SACRED CAUSE OF LIBERATING OUR PEOPLE FROM BANDAGES OF POVERTY, UNDERDEVELOPMENT AND CRIME.

NOTHING MORE SHOULD GIVE US PRIDE AND EXCITE US FURTHER THAN TO BE PART OF THIS CAUSE. WE ARE IN DIRE NEED OF DEDICATED, PATRIOTIC AND ACTION ORIENTATED RANDFONTEIN PEOPLE WHO WILL REDEDICATE THEMSELVES IN CONTRIBUTING TO BUILDING THE KIND OF PROSPEROUS AND SUCCESSFUL SOCIETY WE ENVISION.

AS THE SELECT PEOPLE WHO HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF WORKING TOWARDS THE REALIZATION OF THIS SACRED CAUSE THROUGH WORKING FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT. WE ALL NEED TO BE AWARE OF THE EXTREME HARDSHIPS FACING OUR PEOPLE EVERY DAY AND WE HAVE TO CONTINUE TO SEEK WAYS OF ASSISTING WHERE WE CAN AND FINDING UNIQUE, LOCAL SOLUTIONS TO OUR LOCAL CHALLENGES.

I AM HOPEFUL THAT THE AWARDS THAT WE WILL BE BESTOWING ON YOU TONIGHT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO INCITE YOU FURTHER IN EARNESTLY REDEDICATING YOURSELVES TO THIS SACRED CAUSE OF DEVELOPING OUR TOWN AND ITS PEOPLE.

IN A DEMOCRACY, ONE OF THE PRIME DUTIES OF GOVERNMENT IS TO GIVE REALIZATION TO THE RIGHTS OF ITS CITIZENS. FOR THIS PURPOSE, THE GOVERNMENT HEAVILY RELIES ON ITS EMPLOYEES TO FULFIL THIS VISION.

AT THE LAUNCH OF PUBLIC SERVICE WEEK IN KIMBERLEY ON 17 JUNE 2008, MINISTER FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATION, MS GERALDINE FRASER-MOLEKETI URGED PUBLIC SERVANTS TO MOVE FROM POLICY FORMULATION AND DESK TOP PLANNING TO RESULT BASED IMPLEMENTATION.

SHE SAID: "GOVERNMENT BELIEVES THAT IN ORDER TO ENSURE CONTINUOUS ALIGNMENT BETWEEN POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION AND TO MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE LIVES OF OUR CITIZENS, MANAGERS SHOULD CONTINUALLY BE EXPOSED TO THE CHALLENGES THAT CITIZENS AND FRONTLINE PUBLIC SERVANTS FACE AT THE COALFACE OF SERVICE DELIVERY".

I WOULD LIKE TO RESONATE THIS CALL MADE BY OUR MINISTER TO YOU. THE TIME FOR PLANNING SITTING IN THE COMFORT OF OUR OFFICES HAS LONG PASSED US. WE HAVE SEEN IN SO MANY OCCASSIONS THAT THIS DOES NOT ASSIST US IN THE CAUSE FOR THE LIBERATION OF OUR PEOPLE TOWARDS A BETTER LIFE.

OUR GOVERNMENT IS CALLING FOR TANGIBLE RESULTS.

AS WE APPROACH ELECTIONS AND 2010, WE NEED TO WORK HARDER AND COMMIT OURSELVES FIRMER TO ACHIEVE A JUST AND HUMANE SOCIETY EPITOMISED BY THE RESILIENCE, COURAGE AND COMMITMENT OF MANY MILLIONS OF OUR PEOPLE, SOME KNOWN AND OTHERS NOT SO WELL KNOWN.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT LED BY THE ANC HAS SET THE BASIS FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE IDEALS OF DEMOCRACY INCLUDING GENDER EQUITY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL EMANCIPATION.

IT IS THEREFORE INSPIRING TO NOTE THAT ACROSS OUR COMMUNITIES MANY, LIKE YOU, OUR NOMINEES AND OTHER VOLUNTEERS, ARE WORKING TIRELESSLY AND AT GREAT PERSONAL SACRIFICE IN ORDER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

IT IS MY FIRM BELIEF THAT YOU DO NOT DO IT FOR THE PUBLICITY OR FOR THE PRAISE THAT WE RIGHTFULLY BESTOW TO YOU TONIGHT, BUT ARE DRIVEN BY THE SACRED CAUSE THAT OUR GREAT LEADER O.R SPOKE ABOUT IN 1967, THAT OF LIBERATION FROM ALL FORMS OF BONDAGE.

YOU NEED TO RECOGNISE THAT AS WE HONOUR YOUR EXTRAORDINARY WORK, THE DEMAND IS HIGH FOR YOU TO DO EVEN MORE, BECAUSE YOU WALK IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE GREATS.

MADAM PROGRAM DIRECTOR, HOSTING AWARDS OF THIS NATURE AFFORDS US THE OPPORTUNITY AS GOVERNMENT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE MADE AN OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR TOWN.

SIZIQHENYA UKUDLULA NGANI NGOBA SIYAZI UKUTHI LE MIZAMO ENIYENZILE UKUPHUMELELISA IMISEBENZI YENU NIYENZE NGAPHANTSI KWEMPEMBELELO ZIMIGOMO YE BATHO PELE KUNYE NOBUNTU BESI AFRIKA OBUYIMVELO YETHU ENGAZOKUZE IJIKE.

BY HONOURING YOU IN THE PRESENCE OF YOUR PEERS AND FRIENDS, WE SEEK TO RAISE AWARENESS AROUND SUSTAINABILITY AND SERVICE EXCELLENCE AND ENCOURAGE AND PROMOTE PRIDE IN YOU, OUR EMPLOYEES AND OUR TOWN.

WE SINCERELY HOPE THAT THESE AWARDS WILL CREATE ROLE MODELS, PROMOTE SHARING OF KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS FOR THE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF OUR CITY AND ASSIST US IN DEALING WITH LAISE FAIRE APPROACH AND LAXITY AMONG OUR EMPLOYEES.

SIYATHTEMBA FUTHI UKUTHI LEZIMBHASA ESININIKAZONA NAMHLANJE ZIZONENZA NIKHUTHALE UKUDLULA MANJE NENZE KONKE EKUSEMANDLENI ENU UKUTHUTHUKISA INDAWO NABANTU BASE RANDFONTEIN.

NOW WITH THE UTMOST HUMILITY I WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST ALL OF US TO RISE TO GIVE RESPECT TO OUR EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE PASSED ON SINCE JANUARY 2008 CARRYING THE CANDLE OF SACRED CAUSE TO BRING LIBERATION OF ANOTHER KIND TO OUR COMMUNITIES

MR M V MCIVA – CLEANSING

MR J Z NKALA – ROADS

MR S P J KEKANA – CLEANSING

MR Z S MBANJWA – SEWERAGE

MS I MOTSOAI – CRECHE

MR B G SIPHELO – CLEANSING

MR I W RABIE – ELECTRICITY

MR A M MOTSHABA – PARKS

MR J MATABANE – PARKS

MS S MTHENBU – CLEANSING

MR C B SHOTHOLE – PUBLIC SAFETY

WE ALSO REMEMBER THOSE MEMBERS OF STAFF WHO HAVE SERVED THIS TOWN AND LEFT US TO RETIRE.

IN CONCLUSION, I WOULD LIKE TO COMMIT THAT THE NEXT MAYORAL AWARDS WILL HONOUR THE COMPANIES, ORGANISATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS WITHIN OUR TOWN WHO EXCEED OUR EXPECTATIONS BY BEING DEDICATED TO THE SACRED CAUSE OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT, SUSTAINABILITY OF OUR ENVIRONMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THROUGH UBUNTUISM AND UNDER THE GUIDE OF BATHO PELE PRINCIPLES.

FOR NOW, I MAKE THIS HUMBLE APPEAL FOR ALL OUR PEOPLE OF OUR COMMUNITY, IN ALL SPHERES OF THEIR LIVES, TO WORK IN PARTNERSHIP TO IMPLIMENT THE SACRED CAUSE OF LIBERATION FROM POVERTY AND CRIME.

LASTLY, I CONGRATULATE ALL THE NOMINEES AND WINNERS. I THANK OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS AND THE OFFICIALS WHO HAVE WORKED SO HARD ON THIS EVENT.

I THANK YOU