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MESSAGE OF SUPPORT BY HIS WORSHIP EXECUTIVE MAYOR OF SEKHUKHUNE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY CLLR KEAMOTSENG STANLEY RAMAILA ON THE OCCASION OF THE ANNUAL COMMEMORATION OF BAPEDI WARRIOR KINGS HELD AT TJATE III GREAT PLACE, MAEBE, MOHLALETSI VILLAGE ON THE 31ST MARCH 2019, 10:00AM.

Programme Director

Kgosi-Kgolo Thulare Victor Thulare, Bauba a Hlabirwa;

Lena ba ntlopoleng elego malapa a mošate, Bakgoma le Bakgomana bao e le go dikokwane tšeo di thekgilego lapa la mosate;

Magoši ka moka go tšwa dileteng tša go fapana, beng baka;

Kemedi ya gotšwa ntlong ya bogoši ya bosetšhaba le diporofense ka moka;

Ditona le batlatša-tona bao ba emetšego pušo ya naga ya gešo ya Afrika-borwa;

Balekgotlaphethisi gotswa porebenseng ya Limpopo le diporobenseng ka moka;

Baetapele ba mmušo gotšwa diporofenseng tša go fapana;

Friends from the Media;

Distinguished Guests;

Šaba la Thulare!

Ke a le Tamiša!

Good Day!

Lotshani!

Programme Director

On behalf of the executive of the Sekhukhune District Municipality and the African National Congress in the mighty Sekhukhune Region, please allow me to usher your goodselves with revolutionary salutations. Your presence here at Tjate III Great Place Maebe is highly appreciated.

Legatong la pušo ya mmasepala wa selete sa gešo sa Sekhukhune le ditheo tša pušo tše di bopago selete sé, re rata go lebogiša bana ba Kgoši Thulare Victor Thulare – e le go yena Bauba a Hlabirwa, ge ba kgonne gore le ngwaga woo wa 2019, ba beakanye moletlo woo wa go hlompha bogosi bja gabo rena.

Bjalo ka seboka, le kgonne go kopanya dihlogo go tšwetšapele bohwa le kgopolokgolo yeo e hlathilego Kgosikgolo Thulare I, Kgosikgolo Sekwati I le Kgosikgolo Sekhukhune I, magareng ga baetapele ba nako ya bona.

Re kopane mo lehono gomme re ikgantsha ka gore re ditlogolo le ditlogolwana tsa magosi a rena. We are proud grandsons and grand-daughters of the warrior Kings and Queens, who are the founding fathers of the African National Congress. Those are:

- The late **John Langalibalele Dube**, the son of Elizabeth from the Tshangase chiefdom;
- The late **Sefako Makgatho**, the son of Chief Kgorutlhe Josiah Makgatho of Makgatho chieftaincy at Ga-Mphahlele;
- The late **Chief Albert Luthuli**, of Groutville ancestral land;
- The late **Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela**, of the Aba Thembu and a member of the Madiba clan; to name but a few.

Today, we honour the above fallen heroes together with their generations.

Mosepedisi wa Modiro

Bapedi Warrior Kings commemoration is taking place at a time when we are celebrating 140th Anniversary of the Battle of Tsate, which was the pinnacle of the pre-colonial wars of resistance.

The 1879 battle was fought on the fort of Warrior King Sekhukhune I, the son of Warrior King Sekwati I, who was the surviving son of the greatest and most loved Kings of Bapedi, King Thulare I.

It is therefore unmeasurable honour for us to be called – Saba la Thulare. It is so because King Thulare led a long era of stability prosperity of Marota Empire. He established his Mosate in the now Steelpoort Town.

We are proud that King Thulare I, King Sekwati I and King Sekhukhune I, hasd paved the way for this freedom that we are enjoying today. The have fought tirelessly with the likes of Mzilikazi, the Boers and the Scotisch. And we are not mincing our words when we say that they have conquered.

Programme Director

Since the establishment of the Sekhukhune District Municipality in the year 2000, we have been successful in our resolve to march side by side with our Traditional Leaders, who in the main are our forebears both in the formation of the ANC in 1912 and governance.

We are proud to belong to this predominantly rural district, with **75** Traditional Leaders, **764** villages, residing in **290 thousand** household and having **1,1million** people. And once again, we pay tribute to our esteemed Traditional Leaders who always give us space to roll-out the developmental agenda of the state without their interference.

Mosepedisi wa Modiro

I said during the presentation of the State of the District Address held on the 15th March 2019, at Dichoeung village, Ga-Kgosi Matlala, Nape a Kanyane that, our country is confronted by social ills like abuse of women and children, drugs in particular Nyaope and crime.

I have since then made a clarion call to all our Traditional Leaders, community based organizations, non-governmental organization, civil society groups, business sector and all members of society to stand against abuse in all the forms it manifest itself. I feel that this platform is relevant as we continue to preach the message of purity in our country.

Our forefathers like King Thulare, King Sekwati and King Sekhukhune I did not sacrifice their lives so that we can be free and abuse women and children. They did not fight for Nyaope to be sold free in our country so that our youth can be wiped out. They did not prepare a future where Setshaba sa Thulare abuse drugs and alcohol. No. We stand here today and say that perpetrators of crime are not doing it in our name.

Therefore, I am reiterating the national call for action against these social ills. In that spirit, we are disturbed about the growing incidences of conflicts between our communities and the mining communities. We are saying that communities under Traditional Leaders need to engage peacefully with the mines when genuine demands arise.

And in that spirit, we are calling upon our mining communities to STOP divide and rule strategies, which causes rifts between our Traditional Leaders and their

communities. We condemn the closure of roads and criminality associated with conflicts between our communities and the mines. Dialogue we say is the only way.

Mosepedisi wa Modiro

Tla re tseeng setsopolwa gotswa polelong ya moPresitente wa bobedi wa naga ya gesu ya Afrika Borwa, seaparankwe Thabo Mbeki, ge abe a re, I am an African. Kea motsopola:

“I am the grandchild of the warrior men and women Hintsá and Sekhukhune led, the patriots that Cetshwayo and Mphephu took to battle, the soldiers Moshoeshoe and Ngungunyane taught never to dishonour the cause of freedom” ke motsopotse.

We reflect on the above based on the fact that the past and the present are inter connected. In forging our future this generation needs to grapple with the persistent reality of the past and ask difficult questions and learn from it.

Kere go lena ka moka setshaba sa Thulare, letsatsi la di 8 May 2019 lea batamela. Ka lona letsatsi leo, tla re tsweng ka makata namane ele ge re hlompha phihlelelo ya baetapele ba rena bao ba lwetsego tokologo. Magareng ga tse dingwe, ba lwetse gore rebe le tokelo ya go bouta. Gomme kere tla re yeng ka moka go bouta.

Nna ke Phogole a Marumo, molamo wa madiša ditswetše. Tla ke reng g eke tshaba baditi ke bontsheng gore, Tjate 111 Great Place Maebe, nka gae gomme ke hlomphe la gore mosuthelelwa gaa nabe.

‘Lets Grow South Africa Together’

I thank you! Ke a Leboga! Sebatakgomo!