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MEDIA STATEMENT: DIPALESENG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY COMMEMORATES HERITAGE DAY THROUGH SERVICE DELIVERY IN THE COMMUNITY

The 24th September was previously known as Shaka's Day for most people, in commemoration of Shaka, the Zulu king on the presumed date of his death on this date in 1828. Shaka played an important role in uniting the disparate Zulu clans into cohesive nations.

Heritage Day is a South African public holiday celebrated annually on 24 September. On this day, South Africans celebrate the day by remembering the cultural heritage of the many cultures that make up the population of South Africa. Various events are staged throughout the country such as braai to commemorate and remember this day.

The municipality chose to commemorate this day through the delivery of much needed services to the community, and will commence with celebrations on Friday, 23rd September with handing over of a housing unit to a destitute family. The gesture of building a low cost house is made possible through a partnership between Dipaleseng Local Municipality and Gert Sibande TVET College. While the beneficiary identification was made jointly with the two stakeholders including local sector departments.

Further to that, another 25 housing subsidy houses will be handed over to beneficiaries from Siyathemba.

A housing subsidy is a grant by government to qualifying beneficiaries for housing purposes. One of the Department of Human Settlements' areas of responsibility in the delivery of human settlements relates to the bottom-most end of the market, where it provides housing subsidies to the poor. This is where the bulk of the housing backlog exists, affecting mainly those who are regarded as part of the low income bracket.

The Constitution of the Republic of South Africa of 1996 enshrines the right of everyone to have access to adequate housing; and makes it incumbent upon the State to take reasonable legislative and other measures within its available resources to achieve progressive realization of this right.

It is against this background that the municipality will round up the commemorations with the registration of title deeds program in Ridge View in Siyathemba, on Sunday, 25th September 2022.

Dipaleseng Local Municipality encourages community members to enjoy the braai day responsibly, within the confines of the law while protecting themselves and those around them.

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