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#### **NWRI: Tugela Vaal Area Office officials participate in Mandela Marathon**

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The Tugela Vaal Area Office team was one of the teams that joined other government departments in the 2017 Mandela Marathon that was recently held in uMgungundlovu District, Howick.

The 2017 Mandela Marathon was held under the hashtag *#Run4Unity* as Madiba strongly believed in unity.

The aim of the marathon was to bring unity to our country and show respect to our late Tata Madiba as he believed that our county belongs to all who live in it irrespective of race, gender and culture.

In her message of support, uMgungundlovu District Mayor Cllr Thobekile Maphumulo said that, “The Midland’s has a significant place in the history of our country. There are events that took place in this area that shaped the future of our country, one such notable event was the arrest of a young Nelson Mandela, on the 05<sup>th</sup> of August 1962 in Howick after he had made his last public address at the Manayi Hall in Edendale”.

The keynote address was given by the KZN MEC for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, Nomusa Dube-Ncube.

“One of the lessons that we learn from the life of Madiba is endurance, we also learn that the road to success is not plain sailing but it is filled with uphill, downhill, tar roads, gravel roads and all manner of obstacles”, added Dube-Ncube.

The Tugela Vaal Area Office team that participated in the marathon was inclusive of Molefe, Zuma, Zulu, Moloi, Mabaso, Mosebetse, Maphisa, Madondo, Maloka and Shabalala. Some of them participated in 10km and others in 21km marathons and they all won medals and certificates.

One of the team members Ntuo Molefe said that “I am very humbled to be part of the Mandela marathon and grateful for the medals and certificates that we won as a team”, said Molefe.

Lastly, Molefe concluded that “I would like to take this opportunity to thank our team for the hard work that we showed and we will continue to participate in the next Mandela marathon”.

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