

## WOMEN'S DAY/MONTH MESSAGE BY THE MAYOR OF BLOUBERG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, HER WORSHIP CLLR. MARIA THAMAGA

August 9, another calendar day elsewhere; however, here in South Africa, this day carries vast significance so is the entire month of August. Today, we join the nation in commemorating Women's Day.

This is an opportunity to celebrate women's achievements and the important role that women of all races and religions have played and are continuing to play in South African society.

We can't speak of Women's Day and not pay homage to our torch bearers, those that came before us. Their relentless fight for the emancipation of women of this generation will forever be engraved in our hearts.

The 2023 Women's Month calls for women to reposition and become the change you wish to see. We are the epitome of strength and courage.

The younger generation should be constantly reminded of the powers they possess, so that they grow up knowing whom they are and what they are capable of.

This month is an opportunity to celebrate and reflect women's achievement as well as the problems we have faced in the struggle to be free and the important role they continue to play in society. Apart from our traditional roles as mothers, wives and caregivers statistics show that women are making great progress in business, politics, academic and economic with more and more women reaching top positions.

Gender-Based-Violence and Femicide (GBVF) is still rampant in our society, causing fear among women and children. We need to stand together as women and men of Blouberg Local Municipality, women and men of this country to fight against this barbaric act.

As Blouberg Local Municipality we are committed to empowering women and helping them reach their highest potential.

We are proud of what we have achieved as women. Let the achievements of those who went before us inspire us to unlock our own strength and motivate us to make a difference

in our families, our communities and our beautiful country.

"Wa Thinta Abafazi, WA Thinta Imbokodo".

May we continue to aspire those around us.

**HAPPY WOMEN'S DAY, HAPPY WOMEN'S MONTH!**