## EASTER MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR OF BLOUBERG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, HIS WORSHIP CLLR MASEKA PHEEDI

It is that time of the year again, it is Easter whereby we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is unfortunate that, this year's Good Friday is celebrated amid the country-wide lockdown due to the deadly coronavirus (COVID-19) that is wreaking havoc across the globe.

President Cyril Ramaphosa, has on the 15th of March 2020 declare the outbreak of COVID -19 a national disaster putting precautionary measures in place including prohibition on large gatherings, calls for social distancing and hygiene practices among others in bid to curb the spread of the pandemic. This was followed by a nationwide lockdown from the 26th of March 2020 which was yesterday extended by a further two weeks.

Easter is a time of great significance for many worshippers who gather to celebrate Christ. Under normal circumstances, many would have been celebrating this day at various places of worship, traveling to visit friends and relatives, traveling to various holiday destinations or host celebrations. This year's Easter will look a lot different as the country is observing the lockdown where we are expected to abide by the rules in place, which call on citizens except essential workers to #StayAtHome in order to help flatten the curve. We still call on everyone to stay at home.

On behalf of Blouberg Local Municipality, i would like to wish you all a blessed Easter weekend. Stay home, Stay safe!