BLOUBERG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY MAYOR HER WORSHIP CLLR MARIA THAMAGA'S FESTIVE SEASON MESSAGE

The festive season is upon us. As another year ends it is always appreciated that we reflect on the year gone by, most importantly we have to be thankful for the gift of life.

On November 1, 2021 the country went to the polls in the sixth round of local government elections since the country's democratic transition in 1994. Voters were able to choose candidates to represent them in local government. I would like to thank the electorate and the citizens of Blouberg in general for the opportunity to represent them, for entrusting us with power to govern the municipality.

The new Council of Blouberg Local Municipality has already been extremely busy making improvements within the local community by doing among other things; launch regravelling and storm water control projects to ensure that our internal streets and roads are user friendly for our residents.

As Mayor, I will continue to visit as many communities as possible and work tirelessly to better the lives of the people.

I would like to bring the message home that Christmas is not only a time of joy and festivity, but also the time of year when we should look out for those who are alone, vulnerable, or without close family ties.

I trust you will pause briefly in your own celebrations to remember those less fortunate than yourselves and donate some food and other essentials to them.

To all our stakeholders who have travel this journey with us - our service providers, employees, customers who all put their hands up to help us move forward, we are appreciative of the role you played, let us continue working together to enhance service delivery.

Just like last year, 2021 Christmas is going to be a very different occasion. The Covid pandemic has meant that we have all had to adapt to a new way of life. It has impacted the way we live, work and play.

While we recognise this and the restrictions that we are all living under, we hope that everybody can still find pleasure and enjoyment in this time of year, in a safe way that protects our loved ones.

For all those heading away over the break, please travel safely and take extra care during this busy time on our roads. We call for calm and total adherence to road rules. Do not drink and drive, please stick to the correct load as required of the vehicle. This is no exception to pedestrians - please respect the rules applied to you.

On behalf of the Councillors and staff at Blouberg Local Municipality, I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a prosperous New Year, 2022.

MERRY CHRISTMAS! HAPPY NEW YEAR!