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FREE STATE PROVINCE TO HOST 2018 FREEDOM DAY CELEBRATION

The Free State Province is proud to host the 2018 National Freedom Day celebration which will mark 24 years of freedom from apartheid, colonial oppression and two decades of constitutional democracy in South Africa. Most importantly, the nation celebrates the centenary of Former President Nelson Rholihlahla Mandela and Mama Albertina Sisulu. The theme for the 2018 Freedom Month celebrations is *“The Year of Nelson Rholihlahla Mandela: United for a Radical Socio-economic Transformation”*. It is expected that President Cyril Ramaphosa will deliver the keynote address.

The National Freedom Day Celebrations will be held as follows:

DATE: 27 APRIL 2018

TIME: 08:00 AM

VENUE: DR. RANTLAI MOLEMELA STADIUM (MANGAUNG)

Entrance to this event is free of charge and members of the public are urged to join this celebration in their numbers. Freedom Day is an opportunity not only to celebrate 20 years of the Constitution, freedom and democracy, but to also reflect on how South Africa’s democracy and freedom was achieved, the progress made in the past 24 years and how South Africans should work together to achieve economic freedom.

“Freedom and democracy in South Africa has taken a quantum leap from an oppressive regime to one of the most progressive constitutions in the world, including the Bill of Rights, and the establishment of democratic and independent institutions that protect constitutional freedoms, including a Constitutional Court and Chapter 9 institutions. This has created a new social climate and a sense of freedom and security for all” said MEC Mathabo Leeto.

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Your media house is invited to attend this event.

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