

**SPEECH BY ACTING MAYOR OF ELIAS MOTSOLEDI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY
COUNCILLOR P.T MOKGABUDI ON MANDELA DAY CELEBRATION HELD ON THE 18
OF JULY 2013 AT IPELEGENG SPECIAL SCHOOL.**

Programme Director,

Kgoshi Rammupudu ,

Mr J Naidoo FNB branch manager

All councillors present here

School Principal and Teachers

All people present here.

Thobela,

It is an honour and privilege to address this grant gathering on behalf of the Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality and the Mayor CILR W.M Matemane who could not be here with us today as she is attending school at Pretoria.

As we celebrate Madiba `s 95th birthday , let`s all join together in saying cheers to a life lived to the fullest , over though , at timers that happened under trying circumstances. To our son of the soil, we wish you strength and quick recovery, to continue to see many more years to come

Program director,

Our 2013 Nelson Mandela month Commemorating was started with the opening of Ratanang old age centre 5th of July. We must ensure the initiative is undertaken by individual to dedicate 67 minutes of their time to work together in changing the world to make it a better place. In 2009 18 July was declared as Mandela day in South African to honor the former statesman. The united Nation declared 18 July as international Nelson day. In his speech in 2009 Nelson Rolihlahla said "we can change the world and make it better place. It is your hands to make a difference" This call derived from the Mandela slogan "take action, inspire change. Make every day a Mandela `s day"

Elias motsoaledi in partnership with First National Bank pay tribute to him and what he stands for making a visible difference to the lives many children in south Africa. We are as well joining the movement he dedicated his entire adult life to and the movement that has celebrated its centenary this year, the African National Congress and the Family in praying for his recovery.

Program director we are committing ourselves as the municipality in partnership with NGOs to continue to make every day a Mandela day. We urge all our people to also personally contribute by doing good deeds as called upon by Madiba to make our country and world a better place. We commit ourselves to always strive to advance the goals to which you dedicated your life, the goals of the democratic and prosperous of South Africa. We will continue to work for unity and upliftment to the people of South Africa.

I would like to sent special thanks to the following sponsors:

- First Nation Bank
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- Kgoshi Rammupudu
- Private sector

Program director, let's not waste your time and conclude my speech by saying that Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality wishes Tata quick recovery, a happy birthday and a 15th year marriage anniversary.

Happy birthday Tata!!

