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MPUMALANGA GOVERNMENT TO COMMEMORATE WOMEN'S DAY IN STEVE TSHWETE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

The Mpumalanga Provincial Government's commemoration of Women's Day will be held in Steve Tshwete Local Municipality.

The event will honour and pay tribute to more than 20 000 women of all races who marched to the Union Buildings on 09 August 1956 in protest against the extension of Pass laws.

The law required all South Africans defined as "black" to carry an internal passport that served to maintain segregation, control urbanization, and manage migrant labour during the former regime. The women conducted a peaceful protest and left petitions whilst singing a song titled "*Wathint'Abafazi, Wathint'imbokodo*" which translates "Now you have touched the women, you have touched the rock".

Women's Day is celebrated every year in South Africa in their honour and brings to attention issues which are faced by women even today.

This year's Women's Day will be celebrated under the theme: "*Building Resilient Economies for All*".

Members of the media are invited to the commemoration scheduled as follows:

Date: Saturday, 09 August 2025
Time: 09h00
Venue: Sydney Choma Banquet Hall
Steve Tshwete Local Municipality

For confirmation contact **Ms Phumla Mokoena** (from the Office of the Premier) on 076 141 2128 or **Mr Sibusiso Nkosi** from the Department of Culture Sports and Recreation Spokesperson on 072 919 0704.

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