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COUNCIL SPEAKER NGAKA MODIRI MOLEMA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY

TUESDAY, 27 FEBRUARY 2018

DISTRICT CHAMBER

Executive Mayor of the District Municipality TJ Makolomakwa;

Council Whip, Cllr Itumeleng Lethoko

Members of the Mayoral Committee;

Honourable Councillors representing various political parties
present today;

Magosi, "banga ba mmu";

Our Administration led by Ntate Mohlakoana;

Community members in the gallery;

You are all welcome in this ordinary Council Sitting.

***Let us stand and bow our heads as we send our condolences to
the families of the Members of the Eastern Cape police who
were brutally killed while on duty.***

Councillors, let me take this opportunity and congratulate President Cyril Ramaphosa in his new role as the President of the Republic of South Africa and agree with him as he said, I quote ***"Now is the time for all of us to work together, in honour of Nelson Mandela, to build a new better South Africa for all"*** close quote.

Furthermore, we thank the former President Jacob Zuma for leadership role he has displayed to this Country for the past nine years.

The 2018, is a year of Nelson Mandela Centenary under the theme **"Be the Legacy"**. The Council of Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality will join the world in commemorating the life and time of Tata Nelson Mandela, remembering that he would be turning 100 years. By May 2018, the Office of the Speaker in partnership with the Office of the Executive Mayor will submit a schedule of activities for the month of Tata's birthday, which is July.

Councillors as we know that the month of February 2018 had the highlights such as the Budget Speech by Minister Malusi Gigaba and the State of the Province Address by the Premier of Bokone Bophirima, Honourable Supra Obakeng Ramoetsi Mahumapelo, which gives us directives to align our work with National and Provincial Government for the next MTREF period.

Honourable Councillors, today as we will be deliberating on the Budget Adjustment for 2017/18 financial year, we have to emphasise that service delivery for the betterment of our communities is at the core.

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Councillors, furthermore, we must not forget our oath to serve our people, we have to continue to provide a quality water and sanitation, fire and disaster, as well as local economic development services to the community of Ngaka Modiri Molema District.

Therefore, let us join the President in singing Bra Hugh Masikela' song, I quote "***Thuma Mina***" close quote.

"Together we move Ngaka Modiri Molema District and Bokone Bophirima forward".

Kea leboga....