

**FESTIVE SEASON MESSAGE – EXECUTIVE MAYOR: CLR MLULEKI NKOSI- 2021**

8th December 2021

The year 2021 will go down as a period where the citizens of Lesedi Local Municipality have endured trials and tribulations. Unemployment, poverty, and inequality are characteristic of the daily experiences.

Above all we had to toil and are languishing in losses attributed to the growing scourge of the Corona – 19 Pandemic. We mourn prominent citizens, friends, relatives and loved ones. HIV/AIDS is not showing signs of relief. Lifestyle problems like diabetes, hypertension, among others keep on compounding our health conditions.

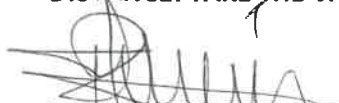
During this period of the COVID-19 Pandemic, we would like to encourage people to avoid super-spreader events like large gatherings. Mask-wearing, sanitizing, social distance are going to be part of our lives for some time and people are encouraged to observe without hesitation. Over and above, we are pleading with everybody who falls within the regulated age group to take the jab and vaccinate. Taking a steam regularly as a non-pharmaceutical alternative has proven to be a positive exercise to quell the severity of this virus. As we value every life of our citizens, we advise for the strict adherence of these measures.

Amid all these predicaments, the Government of the day Nationally, Provincially and Locally remains indebted to the citizens of our country. On behalf of Lesedi Local Municipality, we encourage our people to collaborate, cooperate and unite to confront the challenges before us. In the spirit of “Ubuntu”, we encourage that all our people to be each other’s “keeper”.

Crime, theft, fraud, scams, drugs, binge drinking, reckless driving, hijackings, domestic violence, gender-based violence are among many social ills facing our citizens. Law enforcement agencies will remain on the alert all the way. The Council would like to encourage citizens in their individual capacities and respective streets, blocks and wards to collectively forge efforts to quell the ills that society is languishing in. We encourage all the learners in all levels to be steadfast with their education and wish the class of 2021 success. Those whose performance is not desirable, are encouraged that they should not despair. There is always another chance. South Africans are a resilient community.

Let us approach the New Year with a strong sense of Unity, Humanity and Cohesion. As we celebrate the festive season, we pray for Love, Peace and Happiness. We open our hearts and arms to all the visitors and relatives who will be visiting our Municipality.

To all we wish a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year! **SANITIZE! WEAR MASK! KEEP SOCIAL DISTANCE! TAKE THE VACCINE!**



**EXECUTIVE MAYOR**