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PREMIER SIHLE ZIKALALA EXPRESSES SADNESS AT THE PASSING OF KZN SALGA CHAIRPERSON AND KING CETSHWAYO DISTRICT MAYOR, CLLR NONHLE MKHULISI

KZN Premier Sihle Zikalala has on behalf the provincial government and the people of KwaZulu-Natal extended heartfelt condolences to the family, comrades, friends and associates of the Chairperson of the KZN Chapter of the South African Local Government Association and Mayor of King Cetshwayo District Mayor, Cllr Nonhle Mkhulisi, who passed away today.

“It is with shock and sadness that we have learnt of the passing of Mayor Mkhulisi. The depth of pain we feel is unspeakable. Even though we were aware that she was unwell, we have however been nursing the hope that she will keep fighting the nemesis of illness and recover to be with the people of King Cetshwayo as their loyal and humble servant.

“Her passing is yet another an immeasurable loss to the people of KwaZulu-Natal. Mayor Mkhulisi led the District Command Council and marshalled all municipalities to provide a formidable response to the Covid-19 pandemic. The news of her death comes as we are still licking our wounds and have still not recovered from the sad departure of MEC Bheki Ntuli, who also hailed from the same district.

Cllr. Mkhulisi was one of the most exemplary leaders who was unflinching in tackling the challenges of development, especially for our rural communities. “As the KZN chairperson of the South African Local Government Association, a position she assumed in 2019, Cllr. Mkhulisi worked hard to ensure that local government took its rightful place as the most important sphere of government which is at the coalface of service delivery.

“Her appointment to that position was in itself a recognition of the invaluable contribution she made in local government. Mayor Mkhulisi’s passing is indeed a painful period in the calendar of the sphere of local government. She has left a huge void in our local government sphere.

She led from the front in fighting Gender-Based Violence and Femicide. Her contribution towards creating sustainable local government institutions and repositioning local government as the service delivery agents of choice is the legacy that will never be erased.

“Cllr. Mkhulisi, a former member of parliament and of the provincial legislature, was one of the most honest, hardworking and committed servants of the people of KwaZulu Natal. She worked hard to ensure that the most vulnerable are protected and empowered.

“We hope that the family will find comfort in the fact that Cllr Mkhulisi’s life was a life well-lived in service of others. Her contribution to the service of the public will live on for many years to come.

May her soul rest in eternal peace”.

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