## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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## Celebrating Nelson Mandela International Day 2025 at Healdtown: Honoring Legacy, Inspiring Future Generations

The Nelson Mandela Museum, in collaboration with the Department of Sport, Recreation, Arts and Culture (DSRAC), the Office of the Premier (OTP), and the Raymond Mhlaba Local Municipality will commemorate Nelson Mandela International Day 2025 at Healdtown High School and in Cradock.

The 2025 Nelson Mandela International Day is scheduled to take place on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of July 2025 at Headltown High School. This historic site played a pivotal role in shaping the young Nelson Mandela, laying the foundation for the global icon he would become. The International Mandela Day event in Healdtown will be made up of a two-day sports tournament, cleaning of Mandela's former hostel block and the launch of a donated exhibition called **Mandela at Healdtown.** On the 20<sup>th</sup> of July, the Nelson Mandela Museum, DSRAC, Office of the Premier, and Cradock Four will commemorate the Life and Times of the Cradock Four Martyrs. Their story, like Mandela's is a reminder of the price paid for freedom and the responsibility we all carry to protect and promote human rights.

Dr. Vuyani Booi, CEO of the Nelson Mandela Museum, emphasized a significant milestone of Healdtown High School and a school the museum identified to host













its 67 minutes and also to celebrate its one hundred and seventy years of its existence. Walking on the grounds of Healdtown reignites us with the spirit of the Great Icons of the Struggle for Freedom like Nelson Mandela, Govan Mbeki, Raymond Mhlaba, Robert Sobukwe, John Nyathi Pokela, and others.

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