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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

### **Department of Public Works family rolls up its sleeves in selfless activities in commemoration of International Nelson Mandela Day**

In commemoration of International Nelson Mandela Day, the Department of Public Works is rolling up its sleeves in support of this great initiative by contributing and enhancing the ideals of the international icon. Worldwide, Nelson Mandela's name is synonymous with the values of selflessness and endurance of the human spirit.

The Department and its nine Regional Offices has been busy collecting items like blankets, clothes, non-perishable goods and other essentials for the needy. The Department and its Minister and Deputy Minister will undertake a number of activities to commemorate this great icon.

Under this year's slogan of "Take action and inspire Change, make everyday a Mandela Day" Minister Thulas Nxesi will lead a departmental delegation in the flagship event at the Tshwane Leadership Foundation in Pretoria Central.

The Tshwane Leadership Foundation is a non-profit organisation working with the indigent, homeless, women in crises and girls at risk, vulnerable children and youth inner city communities.

Minister Nxesi will participate in cleaning, cooking, painting and minor handy work at the Foundation. Substituting his Ministerial suit and tie and getting into overalls, he will get his hands dirty by fixing broken windows and door handles, hand over the redundant furniture that the Department has donated to the Foundation.

Deputy Minister Cronin will be in Bloemfontein where he will officiate at a graduation ceremony for learners in general security. The learnership, under the auspices of the EPWP, has equipped the 22 graduating learners with a General Security Officers NQF Level 3 qualification. The Deputy Minister will also visit the Cee Jay Teleka Early Childhood Development Centre in Mangaung where he will dedicate the 67 minutes on

painting, gardening and cleaning the Centre as symbol of assisting those in need and making a difference in their lives.

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