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PRESIDENT ZUMA TO LEAD FREEDOM DAY NATIONAL CELEBRATIONS

25 April 2016

President Jacob Zuma will on Wednesday, 27 April 2016, lead Freedom Day national celebrations in Giyani, Limpopo Province.

The 2016 celebrations are to be held under the theme: "Together Building Better Communities - Local Government is Everybody's business".

Freedom Day is celebrated annually to celebrate freedom and democracy and also to commemorate the first post-apartheid elections held on 27 April 1994. The elections were the first non-racial national elections where everyone of voting age from any race group was allowed to vote. The month of April is observed as Freedom Month for the symbolism that 27 April 1994 represents.

This year's commemoration of the Freedom Day coincides with the 20th Anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution, the 40th anniversary of the June 16 uprising and the 60th anniversary of the Women's march to the Union Buildings.

"We call on all South Africans to mark this important day on which the nation triumphed over racism and subjugation. On this day we will be promoting unity and working together to build a non-racial, non-sexist, democratic and prosperous South Africa," said President Zuma.

This year's celebrations are very important as they are held on the year in which South Africa holds fifth Local Government Elections on 03 August 2016. South Africa holds election without fail every five years at the right time.

The 2016 Freedom Day theme encourages South Africans to play a constructive role in local government, especially in ensuring the building of united and better communities where people work together with government to meet developmental challenges. It is

meant to encourage citizens to participate in governance and in the implementation of the Back to Basics programme aimed at strengthening municipalities.

The national celebrations will take place as follows:

Date : Wednesday, 27 April 2016

Time : 09:00

Venue : Giyani Stadium, Giyani, Limpopo Province

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