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**NDALANE OBSERVES INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FAMILIES**

The MEC responsible for Social Development, Ms Nandi Ndalane has called for the preservation of families in the province as well as unity. The MEC's call comes as the province joins the global community in observing the International Day of families.

Today countries of the world are commemorating this day under theme: "Demographic Trends and Families". The international Day of Families was created by the United Nations in 1993, to honour the institution of the family and to also promote awareness about issues relating to families and further to increase knowledge of the social, economic and demographic processes affecting families.

Ndalane called on the people of Limpopo to appreciate that family is the basic unit of society. "Families provide a safe and nurturing environment for individuals to grow and develop. The bonds that are forged within families can help instill a sense of love, trust, and support that is essential for healthy emotional development," added Ndalane

In commemorating this day the Department of Social Development will host the International Day of Families event in Bela Bela Multipurpose Centre on Friday this week.

Stakeholder such as love life, Men 'sector, LGBTQ, Victim Empowerment centres, Department of Health, Education, Justice as well as the Police are expected to attend the event.

Ndalane expressed that many of the social ills such as gender based violence, domestic disputes as well as substance abuse would be eradicated if families are united and functioning properly. "Families provide a strong support system for individuals during times of crisis or transition. This support can come in the form of emotional support, financial assistance, or practical help with tasks like childcare," said Ndalane.

The MEC called on the people of Limpopo to work hard in fostering unity within families.

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