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PREMIER EXPRESSES GRATITUDE FOR PRESIDENT'S DECLARATION OF OFFICIAL FUNERAL FOR HOSI N'WAMITWA II

Limpopo Premier, Dr Phophi Ramathuba, has expressed sincere gratitude to President Maṭamela Cyril Ramaphosa for approving a Category Two Official Provincial Funeral for the late Hosi Phylia Tinyiko Lwandlamuni N'Wamitwa II, who passed away on Monday, 09 February 2026

Premier Ramathuba described Hosi N'Wamitwa II as a towering figure whose life was defined by courage, leadership and service to the people.

“As a province, we have lost an extraordinary leader, an academic, an activist and a trailblazer who broke the shackles of patriarchal oppression by asserting her rightful place as heir to the Valoyi royal throne. In the 1990s, she became actively involved in politics and participated in the Convention for a Democratic South Africa (CODESA), the multi-party negotiations that ushered in our democratic dispensation in 1994. Her unwavering commitment to serving the people saw her serve as a Member of Parliament for 20 years. We are deeply appreciative of the President's decision to bestow this honour in recognition of her immense contribution,” said Premier Ramathuba.

The Premier further highlighted Hosi N'Wamitwa II's steadfast advocacy against gender-based violence and femicide, noting that her leadership and activism inspired generations of women and traditional leaders across the country.

The official funeral service will take place on Sunday, 22 February 2026, at the Valoyi Va-Tsonga Cultural Village in N'Wamitwa Village, Mopani District, commencing at 07:00.

The family will host a memorial service on Friday, 20 February 2026, at 12:00.

In line with Official Funeral protocol, the national flag will be flown at half-mast across Limpopo Province in honour of the late Hosi N'Wamitwa II.

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