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POLITICAL PARTIES PRAY AND REJOICE TOGETHER

In a historic, never witnessed act of political tolerance, more than two thousand supporters of different political parties gathered at Lindizwe stadium, in KwaNongoma to give thanks following peaceful local government elections earlier in the year.

This was during a multi party prayer rally organized by the provincial government, and led by the MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Willies Mchunu. Song and dance resonated throughout the program as leaders from different political parties represented in the local municipality came to give thanks for peace, and made calls for members of the political parties to accept their differences.

Speaking at this multi party political prayer, MEC Willies Mchunu explained the purpose of the meeting as such, "We are here to commend the people of Ulundi and KwaNongoma for showing political growth and maturity during the elections. Tolerance is a cornerstone of our democracy. We must all continue to work together to deepen peace and cohesion among our people "Said Mchunu.

He further said that this is an indication that democracy is finally being practiced in these areas.

Meanwhile, Zululand District Mayor, Councilor Zanele Magwaza Msibi said the time for fighting and swearing at each other has passed, and now all parties need to get to work and deliver to the people that voted for them.

"Let's learn to sit down and talk about whatever points of disagreement we have so we can be in a position to work better together with the purpose of bringing development to our people of Zululand" said KwaMagwaza-Msibi.

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