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## **TO ALL NEWS EDITORS**

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#### **MEC NTULI TO LEAD COMMEMORATION OF WORLD REMEMBRANCE DAY IN BERGVILLE IN MEMORY OF ROAD CRASH VICTIMS**

KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr Bheki Ntuli, will on Sunday, 15 November 2020, lead the commemoration of World Remembrance Day for Road Accident Victims at the Bergville Sport Complex.

The theme for World Remembrance Day 2020 is: "First Responders", recognizing the selfless men and women who rescue, care for and support victims of road trauma. Such exposure daily takes an inevitable toll on these brave heroes, who need, but do not often get, the full support of society.

A prayer will be held in remembrance of many road crash victims who lost their lives. In late September, 13 people were killed in a horrific four-vehicle crash on the R33 near Wartburg in the KZN Midlands that involved a minibus taxi and truck. On 10 October 13 family members died in a horrific minibus taxi crash in Kilmun, near Underberg. It is alleged that the driver lost control and the vehicle rolled down an embankment. In late October, 15 people died in a horror crash between a minibus taxi and a truck on the R66 between Melmoth and Ulundi in northern KZN. On Monday, 14 people died in yet another horrific crash involving a minibus taxi and two trucks on the N3 near Estcourt.

The objectives of World Remembrance Day for Road Traffic Victims are, amongst others to remember all people killed and seriously injured on the road; acknowledge the crucial work of the emergency services; advocate for better support for road traffic victims and victims' families and promote evidence-based actions to prevent and halt further road crash fatalities and injuries.

MEC Ntuli will be joined by senior government officials, local leadership, the families of those who died on the road and the community of Bergville.

Members of the media are invited to cover the programme as follows:

**ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS FOR MEDIA PLANNING:**

09h30 – MEC Ntuli will lead wreath laying ceremony which will be followed by a prayer at the scene of the car accident on R74 in Bingelela, Bergville where 7 people died last year. The fatal collision was caused by a suspected drunk driver.

10h00 – MEC Ntuli and delegation will proceed to the main event at the Bergville Sport Complex

**Date:** Sunday, 15 November 2020

**Venue:** Bergville Sport Complex

**Time:** 10h00

Ends

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