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Media Release

Women's Month Celebrations

Every year, in August, our country celebrates Women's Month, when we pay tribute to the more than 20 000 women who marched to the Union Buildings on 9 August 1956 in protest against the extension of Pass Laws to women.

This year's commemoration will be held under the theme: "**Generation Equality: Realising women's rights for an equal future**". It also comes at a time when the country is fighting the COVID-19 pandemic.

The COVID-19 lockdown has witnessed an increase in domestic violence and abuse, leaving women vulnerable and in danger. The impact of the pandemic on society has the potential to reverse progress we have made on women empowerment and eradicating poverty.

To commemorate the day, join Ms Thami Ngubeni (actress, writer, TV presenter and radio personality) in conversation with the Executive Mayor Cllr, B.J. Tolo, representatives from Departments of Health, Justice, Correctional Services, Social Development and South African Police Services on Gender Based Violence issues within the Municipality.

Date: Wednesday 26 August 2020

Time: 10:00

Watch live on STLM Facebook page (@officialstlm).

Media houses are invited to join the discussions at the Council Chamber (Civic Centre).

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Yours sincerely

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