Remarks by the Acting Mayor of the GTM, Councillor Mfichana Shingange on the occasion of the Funeral of Hosi Xihoko 03 November 2023 at Nyavana Tribal Office

Madam Speaker, Councillor Sanie Tiba The MEC for COGHSTA, Honourable Basikopo Makamu The Whip of Council, Councillor Given Malatji Members of the Executive Committee PR and Ward Councillors Leader of the official opposition Traditional Leaders Members of the various ward committees Members of the media Fellow residents Distinguished guests Ladies and gentlemen

It is with a heavy heart that we gather today to pay tribute to the life and legacy of Hosi Tsakani Betty Mabunda, a true leader who dedicated many years of her life to serving her people. While her passing has left a significant void in our community, we are grateful for the many positive contributions she made to our society. As a female traditional leader, Hosi Tsakani Betty Mabunda was a trailblazer who embodied the values of integrity, dedication, and gender equality. Her unwavering commitment to advancing the rights of women in leadership positions will always be remembered as one of her many great contributions.

The issue of succession of traditional leaders is an important one, and we recognize the need for clear structures and succession plans to ensure a smooth transition of leadership.

We have taken steps to build stronger relationships with our local leaders, and we remain committed to working together to promote the growth and development of our communities.

Hosi Tsakani Betty Mabunda was a true champion of progress and development, and her positive impact on our community will be deeply missed. She was a guiding light who inspired many people to strive for a better future, and her legacy will continue to inspire us for many years to come. We extend our heartfelt condolences to her family and loved ones during this difficult time. We cannot imagine the depth of their loss, but we pray that they will find comfort in knowing that their loved one touched the lives of so many people and made a profound impact on our society.

May her soul rest in eternal peace, and may her legacy continue to inspire future generations to strive for a better, more inclusive world.

I thank you