

OPENING AND WELCOME REMARKS BY HER WORSHIP, THE EXECUTIVE
MAYOR OF MOTHEO DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, Cllr M.E.MOILWA ON THE
OCCASION OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MOTHEO DISTRICT
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, HELD ON FRIDAY, JANUARY, 29, 2010.

The honorable Speaker, Cllr Rasie Erasmus,
The honorable Chief Whip, Cllr Papiki Moeng,
The honorable Members of the Motheo District Mayoral Committee,
Honorable Councillors,
Honorable Leaders and Members of Opposition Political Parties,
Spiritual and Traditional Leadership,
Esteemed Acting Municipal Manager and Senior Managers,
Distinguished Guests,
Our Friends in the Media,
Ladies and Gentlemen: and all Protocol Observed,

Honorable Speaker,

I am honored and privileged to be granted an opportunity on behalf of the Motheo District Municipality Council, to welcome participants, officials and guests to this Special Meeting of Council in 2010. Speaker, this meeting takes place twenty-eight days after the ninety-eighth birth day celebrations of the biggest and oldest liberation movements in the African Continent, the African National Congress, whose roots are firmly planted in the Free State Province. Remember, the African National Congress was formed here, in Bloemfontein in 1912.

Speaker, it is correct to remind ourselves about this milestone achieved by the Movement because the majority of Councillors at Motheo District Municipality, derive the mandate to govern from the African National Congress as a Majority Party. Meaning that, the electorate for reasons of confidence has granted a mandate to govern the District Municipality to the African National Congress which then for reasons of confidence appointed you and I to execute the mandate.

Allow me, Speaker, on this point, to express deepfelt words of gratitudes and appreciations to all Councillors and Officials who continue to engage in hard-work in order to make sure that Motheo District Municipality accomplishes all its obligations to communities. We request Councillors and Officials to continue to work hard in 2010, because the National Executive Committee of the African National Congress has declared 2010, "The Year Of Working Together In Order To Speed Up Effective Service Delivery To The People."

Speaker, the beginning of 2010 brings with it the prospect of a boom in the tourists industry, no wonder we begin to experience some mischief particularly from sections of the British, French, German and New Zealand society about an alleged state of insecurity in South Africa. Our responsibility in this situation need to be the acceleration of our

invitation to all our guests in line with the Mangaung 2010 theme, which is “ MY MANGAUNG, MY 2010” to take ownership of Mangaung.

THANK YOU
EXECUTIVE MAYOR
Motheo District Municipality