



MEDIA RELEASE **Mandela Day 2024: PSA call to action for public servants**

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) joins the global community in celebrating Nelson Mandela Day on 18 July, a day honouring the legacy of one of the world's most remarkable leaders, Nelson Mandela.

The day serves as a reminder of the values Nelson Mandela championed: equality, justice, and service to others. He dedicated his life to the service of humanity, advocating for peace, reconciliation, and social justice. As public servants, embodying these values in daily work is a duty and privilege. Public servants are not only employees of the state but also stewards of the public good, entrusted with the responsibility to improve the lives of the citizens they serve.

In the spirit of Nelson Mandela's legacy, the PSA encourages all public servants to take action and make a difference in their communities. Whether through volunteering, mentoring, or participating in community projects, each small act of kindness and service contributes to the greater good.

Mandela Day is not just about remembering a great leader; it is about taking his vision forward through concrete actions. This year, the PSA's initiative will be to visit various police stations across South Africa. During these visits, the PSA will distribute "dignity packs," generously sponsored by the PSA's business partner, *Dignity*. A total of 804 packs will be distributed to provide essential items to those in need. The PSA invites the Union's members to join in the effort, demonstrating the collective commitment to building a better society.

The PSA urges public servants to embrace this day as an opportunity to reflect on their roles as public servants and renew their dedication to serving with integrity, compassion, and excellence.

As the world honours Nelson Mandela, remember his words: "It is in your hands to create a better world for all who live in it." Together, South Africans can make a meaningful impact and carry forward the legacy of a man who showed the power of dedicated service and unwavering commitment to justice and equality.

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