

MEDIA RELEASE **Women's Day 2021: PSA pays tribute to courageous and inspirational women**

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The Public Servants Association of South Africa (PSA) has since inception been committed to the protection and promotions of female public-sector employees' rights and interests.

The PSA's commitment to equal treatment of women, for example, led to the changing of section 14(7) of the *Public Service Act, 1957*. This section made it possible to refuse married female public servants full-time employment and deprived them of many benefits enjoyed by their male (married or single) counterparts. Not only was this form of discrimination ended in 1971, but the entire *Public Service Act, of 1957*, was repealed in 1976.

The PSA's track record in opposing discriminatory laws and practices is impressive, yet its role in empowering women extends much further. August is annually celebrated by marking Women's month, where tribute is paid to the thousands of women who marched on 9 August 1956 to be heard. This being the 65th anniversary, marks the remarkable changes that has been achieved over the years. The PSA will be commemorating the Day with a *#PSAPowerHour4Women* event for all female members. As a caring Union, the PSA will further support various women who are uplifting communities.

The PSA, in collaboration with *UNICEF, Dignity, Assupol* and *PSA Club*, pays tribute to all South African women, the heroes of courage and so many other inspirational women, for their unwavering support, passion and dedication.

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