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I greet you all in the name of love as we celebrate Valentine's Day today! As women, we play many roles; we are leaders, nurturers and so much more. It is therefore important for us to support and to LOVE each other as we are the backbone of our country and mostly of the NFP. As the provincial leadership of the NFP Women's' Movement, we would also like to extend our love and well wishes to our party President Her Excellency Honorable Zanele KaMagwaza-Msibi who has been resting at home on the advice of her doctors and family.

I would like to state very clearly and without contradiction that the NFPWM is 100% behind kaMagwaza-Msibi and we believe she is still the right person to lead our party and to take us forward. We condemn all these recent talks of people who allegedly want to remove her from her position and as women; we will defend her till the very end.

I also wish to make this very clear: as the Women's' Movement, we fully support all democratically and constitutionally elected structures in the NFP from every branch right up to the national leadership of our beloved organization until the next conferences where members will be given their constitutional rights to elect. We are shocked at what we have seen taking place in recent weeks, with party members fighting each other publicly and dragging the parties name into the dirt with them. This is unacceptable and none of us should tolerate it.

It is important that when we disagree with each other, we follow the proper channels, within the party and to resolve any issues we have harmoniously. Taking each other on in the media space does not only dent your reputation but it also destroys the image of our beloved party. None of us should be happy about this. Like in any home, we will have moments when we disagree, but united we must always remain.



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As a leader in our party, I commit myself to doing everything in my power to make sure that our party grows from strength to strength and this cannot be achieved if continue on the path we have seen others take. When our President returns to work, I wish for her to return to a party that is stronger and more united than when she left it. I believe this is something we all want; this would be our great gift of gratitude to her. Let us dare not fail her.

Women are the anchors of any society and it is up to us to take the lead and to point out when things are not going right. Our party and the country is in deep need of us, now more than ever. We need to pray for South Africa as we are in deep trouble. We saw the recent events at the State of the Nation Address (SONA) and as the NFPWM we are disgusted with what transpired. Both the ANC and the EFF have made a mockery of parliament and have shown that they do not have South Africa's best interests at heart. As a women's movement we are deeply disturbed that at the centre of this chaos and disrespect, was a woman, Honorable Baleka Mbete who is the Speaker of the National Assembly. As a female leader, we believe she is not representing women leadership well and that in fact, her actions will lead some to say that when women are given a chance to lead; they fail. Of course, we all know this is not true, this only happened because she failed to abide by the Constitution and to play her role as an impartial presiding officer. We are deeply disappointed in her. But we need to commend her counterpart, Honorable Thandi Modise who is the Chairperson of the NCOP. She has served in her position with distinction and perhaps, she needs to teach Honorable Mbete a thing or two.

The recent events in our party have led some to speculate about the future of the NFP, with some concluding that our party is doomed. This could not be further from the truth. Today for example, I'm proud to welcome into our party, women members and leaders from the ANC and the IFP into the ranks of the NFP. All of these comrades, have found a home in the NFP and have realized that only our party has what it takes to



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change the lives of the people of KwaZulu Natal and South Africa at large. They will all play an important part in the NFP's campaign team and in future. This is only the beginning as we will be welcoming more and more people into the party as we continue to grow ahead of the 2016 local government elections.

Thank you.

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