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# ANNIVERSARY OF THE FREEDOM CHARTER

WE, THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH AFRICA, DECLARE FOR ALL OUR COUNTRY AND THE WORLD TO KNOW:

THAT SOUTH AFRICA BELONGS TO ALL WHO LIVE IN IT, BLACK AND WHITE, AND THAT NO GOVERNMENT CAN JUSTLY CLAIM AUTHORITY UNLESS IT IS BASED ON THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE;

THAT OUR PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ROBBED OF THEIR BIRTHRIGHT TO LAND, LIBERTY AND PEACE BY A FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOUNDED ON INJUSTICE AND INEQUALITY;

THAT OUR COUNTRY WILL NEVER BE PROSPEROUS OR FREE UNTIL ALL OUR PEOPLE LIVE IN BROTHERHOOD, ENJOYING EQUAL RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES; THAT ONLY A DEMOCRATIC STATE, BASED ON THE WILL OF ALL THE PEOPLE, CAN SECURE TO ALL THEIR BIRTHRIGHT WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF COLOUR, RACE, SEX OR BELIEF;

AND THEREFORE, WE, THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH AFRICA, BLACK AND WHITE TOGETHER — EQUALS, COUNTRYMEN AND BROTHERS — ADOPT THIS FREEDOM CHARTER. AND WE PLEDGE OURSELVES TO STRIVE TOGETHER, SPARING NEITHER STRENGTH NOR COURAGE UNTIL THE DEMOCRATIC CHANGES HERE SET OUT HAVE BEEN WON.

**THE PEOPLE SHALL GOVERN!**

**ALL NATIONAL GROUPS SHALL HAVE EQUAL RIGHTS!**

**THE PEOPLE SHALL SHARE IN THE COUNTRY'S WEALTH**

**THE LAND SHALL BE SHARED AMONG THOSE WHO WORK IT!**

**ALL SHALL ENJOY EQUAL HUMAN RIGHTS!**

**ALL SHALL BE EQUAL BEFORE THE LAW!**

**THERE SHALL BE WORK AND SECURITY!**

**THERE SHALL BE HOUSES, SECURITY AND COMFORT!**

**THE DOORS OF LEARNING AND CULTURE SHALL BE OPENED!**

**THERE SHALL BE PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP!**

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