



**EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY
EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

**MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THE
LATE NELSON MANDELA**

THIS ASSEMBLY;

WHEREAS the world still mourns the death and celebrates the legacy of the late Nelson Madiba Rolihlahla Mandela born on 18th July 1918 and died on Thursday 5th December 2013, at the age of ninety five;

APPRECIATING that on 10th May 1994, Nelson Mandela was inaugurated as the nation's first black President after a democratic election and served for only one term until 1999. During which period, he worked tirelessly, advocating for reconciliation among all South Africans and struggled to right the ills of racism, poverty and injustice. This transformed him into an international hero with impeccable leadership qualities, a freedom fighter who with humility, purity, generosity, magnanimity and readiness to serve stood and worked for the rights, honour and dignity of the oppressed people;

NOTING WITH SADNESS the demise of the late Nelson Madiba Mandela, the first ever fully democratically elected President of the Republic of South Africa who despite 27 years of imprisonment, remained resolute, refusing offers to renounce his struggle against oppression in exchange for his freedom, and became widely viewed and respected as a symbol of the anti-apartheid movement;

RECALLING WITH DISMAY that the Republic of South Africa adopted the apartheid policy in 1948, at which mostly the black indigenous people were targeted and segregated.

AWARE OF THE LEADING role the late Nelson Mandela played in order to end the apartheid policies in the Republic of South Africa which activities had earned him life imprisonment in 1964 that he partially served at Robben Island and later at Pollsmoor prison. He overcame violent persecution for his belief that every individual deserved to live in a society where injustice would not be tolerated.

RECALLING WITH PRIDE the actual conviction of the late Mandela was against domination by particular race against another; an ideal for which by his own words, was prepared to die, was amazing and brought South Africans through a very difficult transition, which could have gone in a very different, violent direction. His message of reconciliation must endure and be taken as model for the African countries, and the world;

RECALLING That Nelson Mandela dedicated his entire life to the liberation of not only South Africans but went further to unite all voices for freedom in every corner of the world with incomparable courage. Through his work and sacrifices, President Mandela taught the world that the fight for peace, equality and justice can be won;

RECALLING how the resoluteness of Nelson Mandela created a critical mass of Africans and African states including those of East Africa to rally behind his call to end apartheid. Among these being the United Republic of Tanzania as one of the Frontline states and the Republic of Uganda that established military training camps in their territories to fight the apartheid regime when need arose.

AWARE of the great role played by President Nelson Mandela in the Peace process for the Republic of Burundi.

REMEMBERING the overwhelming and glowing tributes that poured out from people of all walks of life and from all over the world during his memorial services and thereafter;

NOW THEREFORE DO RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

1. To join the rest of humankind in expressing our deep-felt sympathies for the loss as we also continue celebrating the life of this gallant son of Africa.
2. Call upon all human beings to value the ideals of free and democratic societies at which all human beings are respected and treated equally.
3. Encourage the people of the Republic of South Africa to bear the irreparable loss of the beacon of hope for the dignity of people throughout the world, regardless of race, colour or creed.
4. To thank the Heads of the EAC Partner States for their participation in the funeral ceremonies of the late Nelson Mandela on behalf of the people of East Africa.
5. To pray to the Almighty God to grant the late Nelson Madiba Rolihlahla Mandela eternal peace.

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