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MEDIA STATEMENT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CALL ON FELLOW SOUTH AFRICAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT PRACTITIONERS DURING THE 21-DAY NATIONAL LOCKDOWN: 26 MARCH – 16 APRIL 2020

The year 2020 will go down in the annals of history as a year of global crisis that saw the spread of Coronavirus that threatened to obliterate the human race and ravage economies of almost all nations. The decisive action taken by world leaders, in general, and South African President His Excellence Mr. Cyril Ramaphosa, in particular, to fight Covid-19 proactively, focusing more on preventative measures is commendable. It is heartening to note that our country is in safe hands as President Ramaphosa has declared a national State of Disaster and lockdown that compel everyone in South Africa to stay at home for 21 days, with effect from the 26th of March 2020 midnight.

In my new capacity as President of the Institute for Local Government Management of South Africa (iLGM), I call upon all fellow local government practitioners, especially Municipal Managers of all municipalities and their respective Management teams, across the length and breadth of our beloved country, to adhere to all laws, regulations, by-laws, policies, procedures and statutory resolutions pertinent to the State of National Disaster declared by the President so that the national lockdown will yield the desired outcomes of flattening the curve as regards the Covid-19 pandemic.

As the iLGM, we will do everything within our means and sphere of influence to put all hands on deck in rebuilding our municipalities and communities beyond the national lockdown and national disaster. We call upon all municipal essential service employees and management teams to render essential municipal services in the most professional manner that will make fellow South Africans consider it an honour and privilege to be a South African. Let the spirit of patriotism and ubuntu prevail especially during the next 21 days. Let us turn the crisis that beset us into an opportunity of fostering national unity and love for fellow human beings.

“It is not the situation that matters but the decisions take when you are in that situation”

God bless South Africa! God bless Africa! God bless the world!

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