## **TLM MAYOR WOMEN'S DAY MESSAGE 2022**

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Today is a special day in our country – Women's Day.

On this day we say thank you to all women for the invaluable contribution they make to society, whether it is at home or at work.

To the women of Thabazimbi, and all its surrounding towns and settlements, we say you are special, acknowledged and valued. You are the foundation of our communities.

As the nation and the country has just battled with invisible enemy or pandemic of Covid~19, we are also fighting the highly visible epidemic which is causing fear among women and children - the gender based violence(GBV). Our country is clouding international headlines for the wrong reasons because of brutal killings and rape of women and children which has gotten out of hand.

We need to stand together as men and women of this country, as men and women of Thabazimbi Local Municipality to fight against this barbaric act.

This year Women's Month is celebrated under the theme: "Women's Socio-Economic Rights and Empowerment: Building Back Better for Women's Improved Resilience". The concept of Generation Equality is a global campaign and links South Africa to global efforts to achieve gender equality by 2030.

Women, we are proud of what you have achieved. Let the achievements of those who went before you inspire you to unlock your own strength and motivate you to make a difference in your family, your community or your country.

Lastly, I would like to challenge all Men not to abuse but protect, respect, love, cherish and take care of all our Women.

On behalf of TLM council, staff and community at large, I would like to wish all women of our municipality a Happy Women's Day.

Enjoy your day!!

HAPPY WOMEN'S DAY, HAPPY WOMEN'S MONTH

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