

Welcome address by the Mayor of Lim345, Her Worship, Cllr Bila Tintswalo Joyce during the Funeral Service of Chief James Xitlhangoma Maluleke Xigalo which was held on Friday the 13th of October 2017 at Xigalo Tribal Council at 10h00.

Acknowledgements:

- Let me start by acknowledging the presence in our midst, of the South African National Government as represented by Minister of Public Services and Administration, Manana Azwihangwisi Faith Muthambi;
- Limpopo Provincial Government represented by the MEC for Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs, Mme Makoma Grace Makhurupetje;
- Let me also acknowledge the presence of the Vhembe District First Lady, the Executive Mayor, Her Worship, Cllr Randzilani Fulufhelo Florence;
- Other Mayors from our different municipalities;
- Speakers and Chief Whips;
- MMCs and EXCO Members present here;
- The Regional Leadership of the African National Congress and other represented parties;
- Vukosi hinkwabyo bya Lim345 and other Traditional Leaders from different chief kraals;
- Vukosi bya ka Malileke;
- The Local House of Traditional Leaders;
- The Xigalo family, widows, children and friends;
- The entire community of Xigalo;
- Pastors, Traditional Healers, Community Based Structures represented;
- Representatives from sector departments;
- School principals and teachers; School Governing Bodies and learners;
- The Collins Chabane Chamber of Businesses and other business formations;
- Our friends from media;
- Distinguished guests;
- Ladies and gentlemen!

Good morning.

Today we meet to bid farewell and lay to rest, our father and servant leader, Hosi James Xitlhangoma Maluleke Xigalo. We do this with gladness in our hearts because he left us with a map and a walking stick which will lead us to the direction of hope and unity.

I stand here representing the masses of Lim345 Municipality, to welcome you to this funeral service, with a hope that the discipline and order that distinguished our leader, today shall manifest in all of us as we say our final good byes.

Programme Director(s)

I would like to also appreciate all of you who came from far, leaving your busy schedules to give this funeral service the respect it deserves.