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**Press alert**

**To: All Media Institutions**

**Amajuba District Municipality Annual Royal Reed Dance Preparations**

The KwaZulu Natal Government has continuously supported the Royal Reed Dance which is held annually in KwaNongoma (eNyokeni: King Zwelithini's Residence). The rationale around the royal reed dance is that young girls are encouraged to abstain from sexual activities up until they get married. This is also seen as a viable strategy to fight HIV/Aids. Amajuba District will have maidens participating in the Royal Reed Dance and as it has been the custom that we make thorough preparations prior to the main ceremony, even this year we are doing things in that order.

**We hereby invite all media Institutions to attend a District Royal Reed Dance Preparations scheduled as follows;**

**Date : 20 August 2016**

**Venue : Osizweni Arts Centre**

**Time : 09h00am**

For more information, contact Sbonelo Cebekhulu on 072 660 5783 and/or Philile Morton on 079 129 3626.

Your attendance will be highly appreciated.

Approved by,

Linda Africa, Mr.

Municipal Manager