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Ambassador Vuyiswa Tulelo
Consul General
The Consulate General of South Africa
200 South Michigan Avenue
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Chicago, Illinois 60604

Dear Ambassador Tulelo:

As Mayor and on behalf of the City of Chicago, I am pleased to extend warm greetings and heartfelt congratulations to you and the greater South African community here in Chicago and abroad on the celebration of this, the 20th Anniversary of Freedom Day.

April 27, 1994 occupies a venerable space in the history of the country of South Africa, across the African continent, and around the world. As the people of South Africa cast their ballots and voted in the first general election open to all, they marked the beginning of an era of progress – some of the first steps in deconstructing the legacy of apartheid. This special milestone anniversary stands as a monumental day and an example for democracies worldwide.

I am proud of the many ties that bind the City of Chicago to South Africa, accented by our vibrant Sister City relationship with the City of Durban. As we commemorate Freedom Day in Chicago, we pay tribute to a nation fortified by its courageous people. On this occasion, I encourage all Chicagoans to honor the spirit and vision of the people of South Africa while recognizing the enduring contributions the South African community has made to the cultural and economic life of our fair city. I commend you for all of your efforts in creating, promoting, and sustaining new partnerships between the City of Chicago and South Africa in your role as Consul General.

Again, I offer congratulations to all gathered on this auspicious day, and hope that all have an enjoyable celebration. You have my best wishes for much continued success.

Sincerely,

Mayor