

**CHARTER – MARCH 20, 2020**

**MUSA**

**MOVEMENT FOR A UNITED SOUTH AFRICA**

**A Platform for Uniting South Africans and**

**Advancing Socio Economic Justice, Equity, Fairness and Prosperity for All**

**INTRODUCTION**

**This Platform is an initiative that started on 20 August 2019 by a Diverse Group of Muslim Activists Concerned about Issues Affecting Society.**

**The Name MUSA Is an Arabic Name of Prophet Moses (peace be upon him) And Also Means Kindness And Generosity In IsiZulu.**

**MUSA embodies liberation and perseverance.**

**MUSA envisages uniting the Muslim Community as well as the Broader South African Society and to Harmonize Relations between People.**

**1. Our Country and Her People**

- 1.1 The struggles of the people against colonialism and apartheid under a broad united front brought about the historic change that took place in our county in 1994.
- 1.2 Despite much changes and progress since then, the hope and prospects of our constitutional democratic dispensation to build a truly and fully equitable, united and prosperous society is rapidly waning.
- 1.3 The mood in the country has shifted towards anger and despair. The basic needs of the people remain unfulfilled and worst still desecrated by belligerence, incompetence and corruption. Inequality and division

between and within different political, racial, cultural, class and religious groups are widening.

- 1.4 Leadership at all levels in the country is at a loss, unable to harness consensus, discipline, ideas and resources towards meeting current challenges let alone preparing better for the future which is becoming increasingly uncertain and contested by multiple agendas.
- 1.5 In such an environment, people's impulses towards anger, hatred, vengeance and division grow. The schisms and fault lines in society give way in many cases to thoughtless action, extremism and harmful conduct and behavior.
- 1.6 There are widespread levels of social ills and violence in society. In particular, gender based violence, child abuse, gangsterism and drug abuse.
- 1.7 There is an unacceptably high level of unemployment impacting most severely the youth due to ineffective skills and poor entrepreneurial development.
- 1.8 The spirit and hopes of the youth as the inheritors of the future is dampened and trampled upon by lack of vision, direction and exemplary conduct. A dire need exists to nurture the spiritual and emotional well-being , as well as social consciousness and cohesion of the people.
- 1.9 The root cause lies in straying from the chosen path set in 1994 of advancing peace, security and dignity for all. Ethical and moral values are whittled away by greed and selfish conduct. The powerful, the privileged and the ruling classes have neglected their responsibility to ensure that the basic needs of people are fulfilled.
- 1.10 There is a need to motivate and mobilize people through social activism, to take responsibility for their own development by accessing resources and opportunities in the public and private sectors.

- 1.11 MUSA recognizes the challenges faced in our country and pledges to promote equality and prevent all forms of discrimination, which prohibits fundamental freedoms.
- 1.12 MUSA pledges to promote Socio Economic Justice, Equity, Peace, Security and Prosperity for All.

## **2. Our Purpose**

- 2.1 MUSA aspires for a path towards a united and prosperous country with its people contributing meaningfully to humanity for a better world.
- 2.2 SA has become a multicultural microcosm of the Globe. This presents opportunities for enriching our heritage in shaping a united nation.
- 2.3 MUSA encourages and promotes peaceful coexistence of people in our diverse society.
- 2.4 The marginalized masses need to be freed from the bondage of hardship, poverty and continued discrimination through institutionalized forms of racism, gender bias, prejudice and bigotry.
- 2.5 MUSA hopes to restore the dignity of people through character building at individual and societal levels through inspiration and guidance drawn from the rich Divine and secular sources of wisdom.
- 2.6 MUSA encourages fairness, forgiveness, mercy and compassion in dealings and relations.
- 2.7 MUSA promotes solidarity with the poor and marginalized with targeted programs of support and transfer of resources and skills.
- 2.8 MUSA aims to improve dialogue and engagement in society.
- 2.9 MUSA will advocate for, political, civil society, business and religious leaders to be more accountable and ethical. Leaders must appreciate and

act responsibly as Guardians and Trustees of the resources that belong to the nation.

- 2.10 MUSA will campaign, advocate and lobby in the domestic and global arenas for dignity and advancement of humanity.
- 2.11 MUSA will act with resolve for the protection and sustainability of the environment for the survival and benefit of all creation.
- 2.12 MUSA will promote engagement and activities in the Southern African region.

### **3. A Platform for Cooperation**

- 3.1 MUSA recognizes the multitude of likeminded individuals and organizations that do important work in various fields to advance Socio Economic Justice, Equity, Fairness and Prosperity for All.
- 3.2 MUSA encourages individuals and organizations to cooperate, share resources, develop programs and work together harmoniously.
- 3.3 MUSA is a platform to serve as a catalyst for community interaction, trade and development, empowerment, dialogue, Cooperation, Goodwill and Peaceful Coexistence.
- 3.4 MUSA envisages inclusive engagement in advancing and accelerating efforts to bring about dignity and prosperity for all.

### **4. A Call to Action**

- 4.1 MUSA is a Call to Action to build an inclusive society and actively find solutions to challenges.
- 4.2 MUSA is a Call to reset the button on our ethics and morals.

- 4.3 MUSA is a Call to Leadership to be accountable, ensure consequence management, and restore Law and Order.
- 4.4 MUSA is a Call for a renewed activism directed towards a culture of generosity, sharing, giving and caring.

**END OF CHARTER MARCH 20, 2020:**