

## HERITAGE WESTERN CAPE

### DECLARATION OF HERITAGE RESOURCES AS A PROVINCIAL HERITAGE SITE

In terms of Section 27(6) of the National Heritage Resources Act, No. 25 of 1999, and by virtue of a resolution of the Council of Heritage Western Cape dated 28 September 2020, **“Gugulethu 7 Memorial”**, situated on the corner of Steve Biko Drive (Remainder Road NY1) and Mananase Ndlebe Road (NY 121), Gugulethu, Cape Town as more fully described in the schedule below, is hereby declared as a Provincial Heritage Site.

#### Schedule

The demarcation of the Provincial Heritage Site is as follows:

**“The Gugulethu 7 memorial” only, corner of Steve Biko Drive (Remainder Road NY1) and Mananase Ndlebe Road (NY 121), Gugulethu, Cape Town**, as depicted in attached diagram A, the co-ordinates for the declared Provincial Heritage Site boundary are as follows:

Point A: 33°58'02.42"S 18°34'04.42"E;

Point B: 33°58'02.46"S 18°34'04.53"E

Point C: 33°58'03.09"S 18°34'04.24"E;

Point D: 33°58'03.06"S 18°34'04.14"E

#### Significance

A group of youth activists between the ages of 16 and 23, members of both the Cape Youth Congress (Cayco) and uMkhonto we Sizwe who later after their assassination became known as the Gugulethu 7 where Mandla Simon Mxinwa, Zanisile Zenith Mjobo, Zola Alfred Swelani, Godfrey Jabulani Miya, Christopher Piet, Themba Mlifi and Zabonke John Konile.

During the mid-1980s there was a rise in the number of uMkhonto we Sizwe operatives. In response, the Security Branch with assistance of Vlakplaas, a government death squad, led teams ordered to intervene with anti-apartheid operations. The Gugulethu 7 were planning an attack for 3 March 1986, however they were ambushed. On that morning, 25 heavily armed police were briefed and deployed to Gugulethu. Allegedly, grenades were thrown by the Gugulethu 7 and police started firing from all sides. However, witnesses said some of the seven were shot with their hands in the air trying to surrender.

The Gugulethu 7 hold importance in the community, in the pattern of South Africa's history and has strong and special association with the life and work of the young men who were killed. The site and context of Gugulethu displays significance in terms of historical, social and cultural value associated with political unrest, police shootings, deaths, protests and massively attended funerals, all of which illustrates a historic period which holds importance in the history of South Africa.

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**DIAGRAM A**

