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As the world commemorates Nelson Mandela's birthday on 18 July 2025, officially declared Nelson Mandela International Day by the United Nations, the PSA proudly joins the call by the Nelson Mandela Foundation to take action under this year's powerful theme: *"It's still in our hands to combat poverty and inequity."*

This year's theme is both a challenge and a reminder of our collective responsibility to advance justice, equality and dignity for all. In honour of Madiba's enduring legacy, the PSA calls on its staff, members, and communities to unite in meaningful action that drives positive change where we live and work.

In 2025, the PSA's Mandela Day focus will be on creating cleaner, healthier communities through visible clean-up initiatives. All PSA staff are encouraged to dedicate 67 minutes, from 12:00 to 13:07 on 18 July 2025, to pick up litter and contribute to a cleaner environment at sites identified by each Provincial Office.

Specifically, PSA staff in the Free State will clean the open space adjacent to the Provincial Office and the pavement, which have been left unclean by the Mangaung Metro. By doing so, the PSA aims to set an example of active citizenship and pride in our surroundings.

Furthermore, the PSA urges member structures to get involved and invites youth and pensioner members to join this year's clean-up actions. By working together across generations, we strengthen community bonds and take pride in building spaces that reflect our shared commitment to a just, healthy and equitable society.

Let us honour Madiba's legacy with visible action that uplifts our communities. It's still in our hands.

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