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## **MEDIA ADVISORY AND INVITATION**

### **1966 SENATOR ROBERT F KENNEDY'S VISIT TO CHIEF ALBERT LUTHULI REMEMBERED**

The Luthuli Museum has great pleasure in announcing that, in partnership with the Consulate General of the United States in Durban, Dr. Larry Shore, the filmmaker of *RFK In the Land of Apartheid: A Ripple of Hope*, and Advocate Omar Moosa SC, a person with a keen interest in community affairs and who is providing logistical and other support, will be hosting the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration of the visit of the late Senator Robert Kennedy to the late Chief Albert Luthuli in 8 June 1966.

The visit, at the height of the repression of the Apartheid regime, was a source of great solace and inspiration to all the oppressed in this country. Senator Kennedy delivered his seminal “*Day of Affirmation*” speech in South Africa during that visit. Considering that his brother, the late Senator Edward Kennedy, visited South Africa some nineteen years later in 1985, and spearheaded, in Congress, the American and international sanctions against the apartheid regime (being the only time in U.S. history that Congress overrode a Presidential veto in regard to a foreign policy issue) means that we are still today feeling the “*ripples of hope*” of which Senator Robert Kennedy spoke so eloquently.

It is planned that the commemoration, which will be celebrated on 31st May 2016, will include a sod turning ceremony in Groutville in regard to statues of Senator Robert Kennedy and Chief Albert Luthuli, which will be erected in the near future to commemorate their meeting in Groutville on the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1966. Members of both the Kennedy and the Luthuli families have been invited to attend this historic event. Robert and Ethel Kennedy's daughter, Kerry Kennedy, will be a featured guest.

The Luthuli Museum is partnering in this undertaking on behalf of the Luthuli Legacy and the Consulate General of the United States in Durban is doing so in partnership with the Kennedy family. Kerry Kennedy will lead a delegation of family and friends in partnership with the US based Faith and Politics Institute. The filmmaker, Dr. Larry Shore, a South African-American professor in the United States, will be a participant in the celebration. The film, which dramatically captures the events of fifty years ago, has received much international acclaim. It will be featured during the celebration. Advocate Omar Moosa SC has a deep passion for history and heritage.

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