

## City of Johannesburg Festive Season Message 2010

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Message by the Executive Mayor of Johannesburg, Councillor Amos Masondo, on the 2010 Festive Season, Metro Centre, Mayoral Parlour, Braamfontein – Johannesburg

MOST citizens would agree that this has been indeed an exciting and eventful year. The year 2010 started with the final preparations for the hosting of the biggest sporting event in the world – the Football World Cup. We did say that South Africa was an African World Cup and South Africa was but a stage.

Most of the games, a total of 15 out of 32, were played in Johannesburg. The opening and the first game was held at Soccer City (FNB Stadium). The final match and the closing ceremony took place at the same venue.

In this City, in spite of the enormous pressure to deliver a successful soccer tournament, we were also able to carry out our normal standard delivery of services such as water, electricity sanitation, removal and management of waste, enforcement by-laws, emergency services, health at our clinics and others. It is therefore befitting to salute the City's employees, management and councillors across the political spectrum for excellent performance and good work done. Your contribution makes our City great. Your efforts did not go unnoticed.

The Municipal IQ, a research institution on local government, released its Annual Review 2010 on the 25th of November 2010. This research names Johannesburg as "the most productive Metro in South Africa." Moreover, on the 3rd of December 2010, Moody's, an international rating agency, issued a "stable rating" for City. It says: "Johannesburg reflected its status as South Africa's business capital." This City is about people. It is about grappling with all challenges, especially those that affect the poor. Together, let us make Joburg even greater.

We continue a world class African City, a City of the future. We continue to strive for a society that is united, democratic, non-racial, non-sexist and prosperous. We continue to build a City that is green, clean and safe.

We trust that you will use this period to relax with family, friends and neighbours. Please do everything to support the efforts of law enforcement agencies. Adhere the rules of the road: do not exceed the speed limit, look out for pedestrians, do not drink and drive, avoid drugs and similar substances and promote and encourage good conduct. Protect the children, women, the elderly and those with disability.

The City of Johannesburg would like to take this opportunity to wish all its residents and citizens of Johannesburg a great Festive Season and a Happy Prosperous New Year.

