

**WE, THE PEOPLE
OF SOUTH AFRICA,**

**RECOGNISE THE INJUSTICES OF OUR PAST;
HONOUR THOSE WHO SUFFERED FOR JUSTICE AND FREEDOM IN OUR LAND;**

**RESPECT THOSE WHO HAVE WORKED TO
BUILD AND DEVELOP OUR COUNTRY;**

BELIEVE THAT SOUTH AFRICA BELONGS TO ALL WHO LIVE IN IT,

UNITED IN OUR DIVERSITY.

**WE THEREFORE, THROUGH OUR FREELY ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES,
ADOPT THIS CONSTITUTION AS THE SUPREME LAW OF THE REPUBLIC SO AS TO**

HEAL THE DIVISIONS OF THE PAST

AND ESTABLISH A SOCIETY BASED ON DEMOCRATIC VALUES, SOCIAL JUSTICE AND

FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS;

LAY THE FOUNDATIONS FOR A DEMOCRATIC AND OPEN SOCIETY IN WHICH GOVERNMENT

IS BASED ON THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE

AND EVERY CITIZEN IS EQUALLY PROTECTED BY LAW;

IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF ALL CITIZENS AND

FREE THE POTENTIAL

OF EACH PERSON; AND BUILD A UNITED AND DEMOCRATIC SOUTH AFRICA ABLE TO

TAKE ITS RIGHTFUL PLACE AS A SOVEREIGN STATE IN THE FAMILY OF NATIONS.

May God protect our people. Nkosi Sikelel' iAfrika. Morena boloka setjhaba sa heso.

God seën Suid-Afrika. God bless South Africa. Mudzimu fhatutshedza Afurika. Hosi katekisa Afrika.