

## Mangaung commemorates World Aids Day

**T**he city of Mangaung joined the rest of the world in commemoration of the 2014 World Aids Day with a candle-lighting ceremony in Bram Fischer building this afternoon. The theme for this year's commemorative services as pronounced nationally is "Zero Stigma and Discrimination".

Addressing employees and Mangaung residents, Executive Mayor Cllr. Thabo Manyoni said: "HIV/Aids remains one of the critical matters in government. As a country, we have speedily moved to deal with the epidemic as more people are coming into the programme and as more

understanding prevails in our communities. As the city, we must be visible in how we deal with the epidemic and avail the necessary infrastructure for our communities to be assisted in this regard."

Before igniting the flame on the candles, City Manager Me. Sibongile Mazibuko reminded everyone gathered that HIV/Aids affects every citizen across the globe, whether directly or indirectly.

"We need acknowledge that we live with the disease, and work towards preventing the stigma. Let us support each other as we are all affected," she said.



Executive Mayor, Cllr. Thabo Manyoni delivered words of support at the ceremony



MMC for Corporate Service Cllr. Nesta Rabela writes a message of support



City Manager Me. Sibongile Mazibuko ignites the candle in support of those affected



Head of Corporate Services Me. Mpatliseng Ramaema during the ceremony



Employee Wellness coordinator and organiser Gaongalelwe Makhetha



MMM employees gathered in the Bram Fischer foyer for the candle-lighting ceremony. A 'wall of remembrance' has been put up in the foyer for messages of support.



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