



**Speech by Deputy Mayor, Cllr Fawzia Peer – on the occasion of  
the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Stop Human Trafficking 5km Awareness Walk**

**22 September 2017**

**Green Hub – Blue Lagoon, Durban**

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Programme Director,

Special Guests:

- Dr Monique Emser – from Human Trafficking Expert
- Patrick Lambie – Springbok Rugby icon,
- Simara Moodley – Miss Junior SA 2017 and Miss Durban 2015,

Brass band,

Police, SAPS, Metro, fire brigade and artist,

NGOs,

Sponsors,

Participants,

Members of the media,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Distinguished guests and dignitaries, thank you for coming at this important walk of the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Stop Human Trafficking 5 km Awareness Walk.

We are indeed humbled by being part of this important walk which creates an awareness to our children, parents and community in general. We are living in the information age which is dominated by internet and social media. Internet and Technology are important elements of our development as human beings but if we are not educated on things like human trafficking we may fall for devil's tricks.

It is important that we acknowledge that human trafficking exists and as a city that is metropolitan and situated next to the harbour we are alive to it.

Our girls are trafficked for the commercial sexual exploitation and domestic servitude, while most boys are used in street vending, food services and agriculture. Human trafficking is a modern day slavery and it is against humanity. This is a serious threat to humanity and democratic values that are enshrined in our constitution.

Tackling human trafficking and exploitation practises are thus a priority for the government of the day. The eThekweni Municipality fully supports all the efforts that are set to end this inhuman practise. We are committed in our fight against all forms of crime. We will deal with any criminal that is preying on our children and our future. We call on parents, children and school teachers to report all form of abuse against our women and children. We must never hide these criminals even if they are our relatives or breadwinners.

To participants, have fun but remember that you are participating in a Walk for a Good Course. Amandla!!