



## **EFF 9th ANNIVERSARY STATEMENT**

Tuesday, 26 July 2022

The Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) celebrates 9-years of selfless struggle and commitment to the liberation of African people and the goal of Economic Freedom In Our Lifetime.

On the 26th of July 2013, thousands of activists gathered in Uncle Tom's Hall, to determine What Is To Be Done? In relation to the abject poverty, hopelessness and landlessness confronting our people.

It is from that fateful moment, that a resilient grassroots movement of the people was formed, which was and remains determined to liberate indigenous African people and fight against colonial conquest and imperialism.

That organisation, is the EFF. Inspired by the 26th July Movement of Cuba, which was led by Commandante Fidel Castro, the EFF has carried the historical struggles of fighting for the land, waging a principled war against imperialism and confronting white supremacy.

The EFF has been a spear in the hands of the oppressed, a shield for those who are abused and a place of comfort for the downtrodden.

It is the EFF, which has despite manufactured attempts to distort its fundamental program of action and ideological orientation, has remained firm as an organisation of the people.

The EFF has remained a beacon of hope and a reliable force for security guards, domestic workers, petrol attendants, mine workers, the abused and the forgotten masses of our people.

It is due to the existence of the EFF, that a majority of our people have begun engaging meaningfully with institutions that preside over their lives critically, such as Parliament, the Judiciary and numerous spheres of government.

The war for the return of the land which was stolen from African people, has been led both practically and theoretically by the EFF, through superior logic in the form of

Constitutional Amendments, to people-orientated activism which is characterised by land occupation, fulfilling the lifelong demands of gallant heroes of our struggle against colonialism.

The EFF has been and remains at the forefront of the struggle against Gender-Based Violence, the exploitation of workers and the quest for Free Education in Our Lifetime. It is the EFF that has been unapologetic in fighting against racism in all of its manifestations, from Senekal to Brackenfell, Polokwane to Umtata.

Despite deliberate mis-characterisation by the liberal media, attempts at distorting what the EFF stands for and sponsored right-wing attacks of the leadership of the EFF, the EFF has remained firm to its founding principles and ideas.

In the face of predictions of the failure of the EFF, and doomsayers' constant wishes of electoral decline, the EFF has grown from strength to strength and continued to be the only political party in South Africa that has exhibited an upward trajectory in electoral performance.

It is an undeniable fact that the decline and inevitable death of the so-called former liberation movement, is a result of the emergence of an honest, incorruptible and fearless alternative for African people, and that alternative is the EFF.

The 9th Anniversary of the EFF will be observed at Boikhucho Old Age Home on the 26th of July 2022, in Mangaung, Free State. This is to honour the elderly, whose lives have been characterised by abuse, neglect and demeaning of their sense of being, by the Apartheid government. To honour these elders, is to respect generations that ensured we are able to fight for the freedoms we enjoy today.

The struggle for freedom is constant. Domestic and global forces of imperialism continue to attempt to make Africa a nation filled by a child-race, which has no political, economic and social independence.

As history has always foretold, the former liberation movement has betrayed the struggles of the people, and will stop at nothing to undermine the liberation of our people.

As the EFF marks its 9th Anniversary, as the Year of the Branch, with a target of 1 Million Members, we call on all members of society to celebrate this day as one where our freedom begins.

The Anniversary of the EFF is a festival of the poor, and it is those people who society ill-treats, which must be filled with pride on this day.

Across South Africa, let the masses of our people mark this day through giving to others. Let the spirit of socialism reign across the country, and all branches, leaders and Commissars must make an impact, no matter how small on the life of a black child today.

Happy Anniversary to the 26th July Movement, continue to grow stronger and deliver our people to the Promised Land.

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1million members by December 2022