

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.