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## TRIBUTE TO PRAVIN GORDHAN: 1949 - 2024

### ON BEHALF OF THE GANDHI DEVELOPMENT TRUST AND THE PHOENIX SETTLEMENT TRUST

Pravin Gordhan is a household name in South Africa, celebrated for his formidable leadership in the struggle for liberation along with his unwavering commitment to tackling corruption. As a significant voice for the marginalised, he dedicated himself to promoting democracy and justice, leaving a lasting impact on the communities he served.

Gordhan has exemplified the values championed by Mahatma Gandhi, reflecting the spirit of community, resilience, and social justice that the Phoenix Settlement represents. In 2016, during his tenure as Minister of Finance, he was honored with the Mahatma Gandhi Satyagraha Award from the Gandhi Development and Phoenix Settlement Trusts for his dedication to integrity and justice. Additionally, he received the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas award from the Indian government on January 9, 2010, in New Delhi.

Pravin understood that the liberation struggle extended beyond politics; it was intricately linked to the economic and social fabric of society. His involvement in the anti-apartheid movement was marked by his ability to unite communities and foster solidarity among diverse groups. He played a vital role in organizing protests, community meetings, and educational initiatives aimed at raising awareness about the oppressive conditions faced by black South Africans. His leadership inspired a generation of activists to challenge the status quo.

Under Pravin's stewardship, the Phoenix Settlement, founded by Mahatma Gandhi in 1904, became a beacon of hope and empowerment. He not only preserved its rich history but also transformed Gandhi's Settlement into a vibrant centre for social development and community engagement, ensuring that Gandhi's legacy continues to inspire future generations.

On a national scale, Pravin's ability to foster dialogue and collaboration among diverse groups has reinforced the cause of non-racialism in South Africa. He recognised that true development is achieved through unity and shared purpose, leaving behind a legacy of new activists committed to these ideals.

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As we honor Pravin Gordhan, we acknowledge not just his contributions to the Phoenix Settlement but also his embodiment of compassion, service, and integrity. His legacy will continue to motivate those who believe in the transformative power of community and the necessity of standing up for justice.

Thank you, Pravin, for your unwavering dedication to the Phoenix Settlement and the Gandhi Development Trust, and for your relentless efforts to create a brighter future for all. You will be deeply missed. Hamba Kahle.

With heartfelt appreciation, issued by

The Phoenix Settlement Community and the Gandhi Development Trust