



Mboho Ndito Ibibio USA, Inc.

*Motto: Unity * Vision * Service*

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COMMUNIQUE FROM THE 2ND ANNUAL CONVENTION Held on June 23-25, 2017 in Houston, Texas

Mboho Ndito Ibibio USA, Inc. (MNI) is a non-profit 501C3 organization of select indigenes of Ibibio tribe of Akwa Ibom State of Nigeria residing in the United States of America, who solemnly and firmly resolve to live in peace, unity and harmony as members of Mboho Ndito Ibibio USA, Inc. for the promotion of unity, love, service and progress among the entire Ibibio people.

- ❖ Whereas, the 2nd national convention of Mboho Ndito Ibibio USA, Inc. was held on June 23rd – 25th, 2017 at the Houston Marriott Westchase, in Houston, Texas;
- ❖ Whereas, all the chapters were fully represented at the convention including Atlanta, Houston, Michigan, Philadelphia, Tyler and Washington, DC;
- ❖ Whereas, this convention yielded the highest attendance of our members, associates and well-wishers; with significant presence of our youth and young adults, and included various activities and programs, including (i) VIP reception get-together, (ii) business meeting, (iii) Friday night dance party (iv) seminar on health (with specifics on various types of cancer), current immigration issues, and professional/personal development; (v) gala night program with youth performances, fundraising, singing, dancing and cultural displays;
- ❖ Whereas, the young adult members, who are professionals in various fields, promoted their Akwa Ibom Mentoring Initiative to assist college students and recent college graduates with networking, career/professional development and self-improvement;
- ❖ Whereas, the general assembly unanimously agreed to: (1) Adopt its first Constitution, which will strengthen MNI's organizational structure, policies and processes, (2) Continue with the membership life insurance and provide additional benefits for members during times of distress (3) Award scholarships to three recipients who are studying in universities in the USA, (4) Emphasize the expansion of youth and young adult membership (5) Implement creative financing solution towards the major project of building a national secretariat of Mboho Ndito Ibibio USA, Inc. and Ibibio Community Center in Houston, Texas;
- ❖ Whereas, MNI continues to show respect and honor to our traditional rulers in Ibibio land, and invited members of the Traditional Ruler's Council to be a part of the convention, and delightfully welcomed Edidem Edet Akpan Inyang, Paramount Ruler, Itu Local Government and Secretary, Ifim Ikpaisong of Ibibio Nation, and his entourage to grace the occasion. Edidem spoke to the audience about togetherness and love, as the entire audience at the convention was in awe;
- ❖ Whereas, the Gala Night attendees witnessed the commencement of 27 new members into Mboho Ndito Ibibio USA, Inc. in a grand Ibibio traditional style, and many other people have expressed interest to join the organization;

National Executive Officers – Sylvanus Okon, President, Dr. Philip Udo-Inyang, Vice President; Joseph Ibokette, Secretary; Isong Ekpenyong, Assistant Secretary; Dr. Mac Ukpong, Treasurer; Emayak Etim, Financial Secretary; Ibok Esema, Public Relations Officer; Michael Nsuk, Welfare Officer; Gloria Udoh; Women Leader; Obong Effiong Mbaba, Provost; Eme Nsuk, Chair BOT.

- ❖ Whereas, Houston Chapter executives and members showed great commitment and sacrifice in successfully hosting the 2nd Annual National Convention of Mboho Ndito Ibibio, including staffing a 24-hour welcome desk with printed badges and weekend program of events; providing around the clock entertainment, which averaged a meal every 4 hours, and provided transportation services to convention attendees for excursions to nearby attractions;
- ❖ Whereas, MNI envisions a truly proficient democratic government in Akwa Ibom State, however MNI will always lend a clear and unwavering voice to any Ibibio son or daughter who is unjustly humiliated, tortured, kidnapped and/or killed;
- ❖ Whereas, MNI's General Assembly resolved to hold the next National Convention on Thursday, June 28th through Sunday, July 1st, 2018, to be hosted by Washington, DC Chapter;

Now therefore, be it resolved that since Mboho Ndito Ibibio USA, Inc. is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization, fully registered and autonomous entity, it must adhere to the laws of United States of America, conducting honest and humanitarian activities. MNI is a strong organization with viable chapters in various cities and states with many members, focused on our goals and objectives, and we encourage all the good people of Ibibio tribe with integrity, resident in the United States, to join us in the service to our people. Membership in MNI is only open to Ibibio people, who are strong-minded, committed, disciplined and selfless individuals, and members are provided with the privileges and benefits, including life insurance coverage. Also, we invite all of our members, friends and well-wishers to our 3rd Annual National Convention on June 28th through July 1st, 2018. For more information about our organization, please visit <http://www.mbohonditoibibiousa.org>.

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National Secretary

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