



## 2009 22<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION PROCLAMATION

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**Detroit, Mich. (08.16.09) Whereas,** Akwa Ibom State Association of Nigeria (USA), Inc. held and concluded its much anticipated 22nd Annual National Convention on **Thursday, August 13 thru Sunday, August 16, 2009 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Dearborn, Mich., located at 600 Town Center Drive.**

**Whereas,** the theme of the 2009 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention was **“Building a Bridge to Unlimited Socio-Economic Potentials in Akwa Ibom State through Partnership and Collaboration.”**

**Whereas,** the goal of social networking was met through power banquets, mix and mingle events, various reunions, power networking meetings, and matrimonial proposals.

**Whereas,** the goal of business networking was met through business seminars anchored by eminent Akwa Ibom and USA business leaders, Representatives from the Consulate of Nigeria, Representatives from the Embassy of Nigeria (Economic/Commercial Section), Michigan Minority Business Development Corporation, and African World Expo (AWE).

**Whereas,** the goal of promoting Akwa Ibom Culture was met through a sumptuous “Taste of Africa”, a Beauty Pageant won by an Akwa Ibom daughter from Houston Texas, and chapters cultural dance competition won by New York, the first of its kind in the history of Akwa Ibom State Association of Nigeria (USA), Inc.

**Whereas,** the goal of raising funds to enable charity works and funds toward constructing a physical building, an "Akwa Ibom Cultural and Convention Center" was begun through the generous donations by members, friends, and associates of Akwa Ibom State Association of Nigeria (USA), Inc.

**Whereas,** issues of community, state and/or national nature and importance were received and discussed through the first of its kind Town Hall Conference and Governor's Forum.

.....and **whereas,** the National President's objective is to have a policy document presented to the executive and legislative branches of Akwa Ibom State government and the assurance to be heard during the next Economic Summit in Akwa Ibom State of Nigeria.

Let us therefore rededicate ourselves to the ideals of love for one another, that bond of perfection.

Let us rededicate ourselves to the ideals of nation building through our individual and community commitment to Akwa Ibom State of Nigeria.

Let us build AKS idea by idea, through collaborations, without emotion or commotion.

Let us be impeccable in all that we say and all that we do, even as we agonize over the most difficult issues of our time.

Let us continue in relentlessly **Giving, Advocating, and Volunteering.**

God bless Akwa Ibom State Association of Nigeria (USA), Inc.

God bless Akwa Ibom State

God Bless you, one and all

God grant wisdom to our leaders.

Akwa Ibom Isongo ooo.

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