



# OBONG OF CALABAR

*His Eminence Edidem Ekpo Okon Ibasi Otu V*

*The President,  
Efik National Association USA Inc.,  
USA.*

## MESSAGE OF GOODWILL

*It is with immense pleasure that I, on behalf of the Efik Eburutu Kingdom and people, congratulate and felicitate with the leadership and members of the Efik National Association USA Inc., and indeed every Efik person in the USA on this joyous occasion of the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual National Convention holding at Connecticut.*

*It is indeed a happy testimonial that you have continued to sustain this important annual congregation which presents an opportunity for all our Efik brothers, sisters and relations to meet and physically interact with themselves; reflect on their current situation, development and progress; rekindle their culture; share ideas; and, make plans for the future of the people and society, not just in the USA, but also back home at your motherland. I strongly encourage you to keep this tradition alive.*

*While the constraints of prior engagements and time have made it impossible for me, along with members of the Royal Court of the Obong, to be physically present with you at this year's ceremonies, I wish to assure you of my support, prayers and best wishes for the success of the series of events that are scheduled to take place during the convention.*

*I also use this opportunity to call on you and all our brothers and sisters in the USA to come together to seek understanding, love and respect for one another for the progress of our people and society; for, together we are big, strong and unassailable, but divided we are small, weak and vulnerable.*

*May God Almighty guide and bless you.*

*God bless the Efik Eburutu Kingdom.*

*Dated this 24<sup>th</sup> day of July 2013 at the Palace of the Obong of Calabar, Calabar.*