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Subject: National President's Easter Message (Revised)!

Dear Efik family,

Happy Easter to each of you across the mainland United States from my family and on behalf of ENA Executive members, I wish everyone a very happy and safe holiday.

I recently returned from a trip to Houston, Texas, where our 14th National Annual Convention will be held later this July. I'm very proud to inform you that our partner, the Houston chapter is doing a great job as the host chapter in advance of the convention. My special thanks go to Dr. Chris Effiong, ENA Special Rep on Diaspora matters, who joined me in Houston from Reno, Nevada.

The convention planning chair, Mma Grace Matthews, gave us a tour of the Holiday Inn, where most of our guests will be staying and the event venue for Saturday night Gala & Fundraising. These two facilities are within a city block. I'm very pleased with these selections by the planning committee.

As part of my week long stay in Houston, I visited "Houston Transtar"- The Crisis Emergency Management Center for the City of Houston. This will be one of the facilities the Obong of Calabar will tour while in Houston. Ette Tony Henshaw has been the architect in-charge of planning these activities for His Royal Highness.

There will be a Proclamation Ceremony by the Mayor of Houston on July 26, 2011, for His Royal Highness at the City Hall Rotunda. You are all invited to attend this ceremony if you plan to arrive in Houston several days before the start of the convention.

I am pleased to announce that Professor Ekanem Ikpi Braide, the newly appointed Vice Chancellor of The Federal University in Lafia, Nasarawa State, has graciously accepted to be our Keynote Speaker. Her speech will focus on the convention theme: **"Access to Wellness Resources: A great first step toward community empowerment"**

My sincere thanks go to all members of the Houston chapter for making my stay wonderful with a taste of southern hospitality. My special thanks also go to Efiom Ita (Chapter President), Steven Bassey, Grace Matthews, Tony Henshaw and Dr. Veronica Archibong.

Please join me in congratulating the newly elected Chapter President of the New-York Tri-State area, Ette Sam Okon Eniang. You can reach Ette Sam at 203-895-4080 to show your support for his new leadership and wish him well.

Once again, Happy Easter and May God continue to provide and protect all of us with his unyielding love and I look forward to see each of you in Houston in July.

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