



Proclamation

WHEREAS, our fast growing and vibrant African community in the United States takes enormous pride in convening a historic gathering of African diaspora representatives at The White House during **Black History Month**- a month to bear witness to the persevering experiences of long ago stolen African youth, enduring through generations of looted labor and life to lay the foundations of the greatest nation on Earth; and

WHEREAS, the African community is diverse, a peace loving, law-abiding and enterprising collective with deep ties to the major Faiths, as ascribed to by most Americans including Christianity and Islam; and

WHEREAS, African professionals, artisans, and entrepreneurs have established deep roots in American society, making significant contributions to the American life, and despite systematic governance mechanisms that deprive our highly-educated populations from fully contributing to the American economy;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sylvester Okere, President of the United People for African Congress, and on behalf of the emerging African populations do hereby call upon the US government to address the debilitating political underrepresentation of Africans in this nation by undertaking a proper count of the African populations.

Finally, I call upon **President Barack Obama**, and US leadership at all levels, to move expediently in pursuit of comprehensive immigration reform including immediate cessation of deportation regimes that threaten our vulnerable Liberian, Sierra Leonean and Guinean members under Temporary Protective Status, and those protected under the President's most laudable DACA and DAPA programs.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty second day of February, in the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen.

Signed and witnessed this day _____
Sylvester Okere