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PREAMBLE:

The Assembly of Umu Mban in the United States, celebrating a decade of unwavering commitment to the development of our homeland, with the presence of distinguished members of our communities; Dr Michael C. Anyaeze and Chief Goddy and Lolo Joy Mbawuike; jubilant in an appraisal of the past decade and determined to face the coming decade with enthusiastic optimism. **The Assembly** thus encouraged by the zeal of our membership and united by the future we envisage, unanimously declare and affirm the following:

1. The past decade has been a success as we initiated, implemented and partnered with relevant entities to actualize the following:

A: Free Medical Mission successfully implemented for 7 consecutive years. Treating thousands and performing numerous major surgeries to our kinsmen and women.

B. Provided Education Grant to several of our people in higher institutions

C. Promoted sports and recreation among our youth through the Unity Soccer Competition

D. Encouraged the formation of the Ezurumezu, a cultural awareness initiative that brings all our people together.

E. Introduced the microcredit program to provide small scale loans to deserving members of our communities.

F. Improving community awareness amongst our folks in the Diaspora especially, the United States of America.

G. Encouraging our youth in the Diaspora to think Mbanò through seminars, symposiums and essay competition with topics focusing on Mbanò; examples include: Mbanò Nne ji, Mbanò Bu Alanyi, Mbanò Ga N'iru, Mbanò Gburugburu etc.

H. Developed a Website for communicating with our people across the globe.

I. Agitated for Mbanò Socio-Political relevance since inception.

2. The Assembly is thus poised to refocus our energies to challenges of the 21st century while keeping faith with successful programs of the past. This is in line with our mission, which is to “**promote community healthcare, education and economic empowerment, especially the underserved and underprivileged in our communities**”. We thus propose the following as a tripod of our future engagements in the next decade.

A. Membership and youth program.

The Assembly believes that our goals of today must envision the challenges of tomorrow, thus the youth and membership program will broaden our outreach and ensure the full participation of our children. By ensuring that our youth has an interest in the affairs of Mbanu, we have in no small measure contributed constructively to an enduring bridge between our homeland and the Diaspora, thus fulfilling the dreams of our fathers-“Ahamefule”

B. Community Outreach Program.

The success and great demand for the Medical Mission and the Education Grant has encouraged us to maintain the initiatives and expand their outreach. This pocket of “living waters” has remained to most of our folks their only hope of medical care every year and so

long as the poor in our communities benefit directly from this initiative, the organization resolved to strengthen its implementation.

C. Economic Empowerment.

As the global economy is teetering we are committed to providing micro credit facilities to deserving members of our communities to encourage local commerce and improve the living standards.

We are poised to working with committed entities, whether individuals or corporate, within or outside our communities to advance the objective of economic empowerment.

3. These laudable objectives can only be fulfilled in a stable polity thus the sustenance of true democracy becomes sine qua non to the realization of these initiatives. Having studied diligently the political climate in Imo State with a view to moving Mbano forward **the Assembly** stands united to ensure that "Nwa Mbano" remains in Douglas House, Owerri for the next five years. **The Assembly** is impressed with the accomplishments of the state government despite it being mired in a continuous legal tussle. Its accomplishments in the areas of infrastructure development, job creation, Agricultural revitalization and road construction, despite prevailing hurdles deserve commendation. **The Assembly** believes that given a more conducive political environment, greater achievements will be recorded. **The Assembly** therefore applauds the achievements of Governor, Ikedi Ohakim. We encourage the people of Imo state to keep faith with the rotational

arrangement for the interest of peace and tranquility. We shall join forces with progressive elements to promote vibrant democracy.

4. The Assembly remains engaged in the affairs of the local governments as they have direct relationship with the success of our efforts. We urge the parties to ensure that credible and progressive minded individuals are nominated for local government elections. We shall stop at nothing, within legal limits, to expose any crook that uses the peoples' mandate as a conduit for embezzlement and self aggrandizement.

5. The Assembly congratulates the Governor for laying a solid foundation for the success of the forth coming local government election.

6. The Assembly shall provide the requisite support to all our local government administrators to ensure the realization of the true dividends of democracy.

7. The Assembly resolves to partner with EFCC, SSS and relevant international agencies to expose any criminal act or embezzlement perpetrated on our people.

8. The Assembly urges the government to continue to improve the security situation in the state to help attract willing foreign investors.

The Assembly believes that our traditional rulers have a great role to play as no success can be achieved in the area of security without their

robust involvement. The creation of local neighborhood watch is a welcome development in combating crime.

9. As the national Assembly debates the review of the 1999 constitution and the possible creation of new States, we urge our leaders to be well positioned and ensure that Mbano is never marginalized in any acceptable arrangement. We owe it to our children to ensure a better future.

10. The Assembly congratulates its membership for their unwavering support to our homeland. We are particularly grateful to the host city Atlanta, the originating place of MNA, for their hospitality.

We look forward to meeting again same time next year in the great city of Houston, a vibrant home of Umu Mbano.

May the excitement of our achievements spur us even to greater heights as we look forward to the next decade with determined poise because "Mbano bu ala Anyi."

Mbano Ga n'iru.

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