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African World Expo 17401 Dresden Street Detroit, MI 48205

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the state of Michigan, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2010 African World Expo.

I want to thank the African World Expo for its work promoting and facilitating business between Africa, the United States, and especially Michigan. No state is working harder than the Great Lakes State to diversify its economy, create new jobs, and help its businesses be competitive in a global marketplace.

It is my hope that by the end of this expo you will have forged new friendships and partnerships that will help you develop and expand business and trade opportunities.

To our visitors coming in from across the United States and Africa, I invite you to visit not only the great attractions in the Detroit area, but also those located throughout the rest of the state as well. I am confident you will find our hospitality warm and the natural beauty of both our peninsulas inviting.

Again, welcome to the African World Expo, and please accept my very best wishes for a rewarding and productive event.

Sincerely yours,

Jennifer M. Granholm

Governor