



August 13, 2026

**Appreciation Message to His Excellency President Joseph Nyuma Boakai, Sr.
On Behalf of Dr. Rabbi Prince Joseph Tomoonh-Garlodeyh Gbaba, Sr.**

Your Excellency, it is with profound gratitude and humility that we extend our sincere appreciation to you and the government and citizens of the Republic of Liberia for conferring upon Rabbi Prince Joseph Tomoonh-Garlodeyh Gbaba, Liberia's Distinction in the Order of the Star of Africa with the Grade of Commander during the celebration of our nation's 179th Independence Anniversary.

We are deeply honored by this prestigious national recognition of our founder and chief executive officer, Dr. Gbaba, for his relentless contributions in upholding the sanctity of our unique cultural and traditional values. His being counted among distinguished Liberians who have contributed to the growth and development of our beloved country is both a privilege and an inspiration for younger generations of Liberian youths to continue serving Liberia with dedication and integrity.

For more than five decades, Dr. Gbaba life's mission has been to preserve Liberia's history, culture, and identity through theatre, education, literature, and peacebuilding. He has done so consistently by managing and mentoring a group of young Liberians to preserve Liberia's culture without recognition or with little or no governmental support. So, this honor is not Dr. Gbaba's alone. Rather, this national recognition and celebration also belongs to every member of Dehkontee Artists Theatre, Inc. (DATI), the youth of Liberia, our families, colleagues, students, cultural practitioners, and all Liberians who have supported our vision of promoting national unity through the arts.

Further, Dr. Gbaba's absence from the formal national investiture ceremony to which he was formally invited, was due to short notice. However, Dr. Gbaba was deeply touched to witness the ceremony from afar as his representative, Mr. Rameses A. Porte, Jr., accepted the award on his behalf. The moment reaffirmed his unwavering commitment to continue serving Liberia in every way possible and wherever he resides across the globe.

Your Excellency, we commend your administration for recognizing the vital role of arts, culture, and education in nation-building. Such recognition sends a powerful message that the contributions of cultural workers, educators, and artists are valued and essential to Liberia's future.

We remain committed to working with your government and all relevant institutions to help preserve our rich cultural heritage, strengthen our educational system, promote tourism, and inspire future generations to embrace their Liberian identity with pride.

Attached is a proposal designed to support your administration's rescue mission in the Institutionalization and Teaching of our Liberian culture in our schools and communities. Our proposal also draws your attention to the need for initial seed money/funds to jumpstart the dawn of a cultural renaissance/rebirth that the nation has never before seen. We look forward to having an audience with you to discuss the way forward in terms of the successful implementation of our project proposal we have attached to this communication.

May the Almighty God continue to grant you wisdom, strength, and good health as you lead our nation toward lasting peace, unity, and sustainable development.

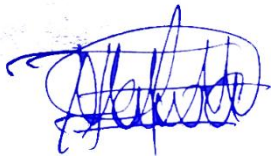
Once again, please accept our heartfelt appreciation for this distinguished honor.

Respectfully,

Signed:



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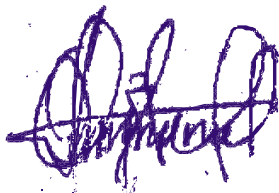
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