

SEVENTH NATIONAL CONVENTION RESOLUTION
THE GBARZON DISTRICT ASSOCIATION IN THE AMERICAS, INC.
AUGUST 28 – 30, 2015 in the City of Des Moines, Iowa

PRESENTED BY: THE SECRETARIAT, SEVENTH NATIONAL CONVENTION
*(Mr. Mark Z. Nyemah, Mr. Ghote O. Tahyor, Mr. Joshua Erich and
Mr. Sonplyee Zahi Oulahi)*

WHEREAS: For about a year the people of Gbarzon Statutory District residing in the Americas have put in place an interim leadership to resolve the issues of governance and constitutional matters that have fermented disunity among the people of Gbarzon Statutory District in the Diaspora, **and**

WHEREAS: Today, in Gbarzon District there are no high schools, hospitals and very few clinics and viable development programs that will provide a framework for the socio-economic development for the people of Gbarzon District, **and**

WHEREAS: Realizing the fact that there is no genuine reconstruction strategy without a political leadership and strong community based organizational structure that will form a mitigating factor in formulating development and reconstruction strategies in post-war Gbarzon District, **and**

WHEREAS: Knowing that as a people, by organizing ourselves into one body politic, we will have the opportunity to make meaningful contributions to the social fabric of our people as well as bringing hopes and aspirations to the District. Collectively, we will have the chance to confront or discuss issues of common interest and promote diversity, peace, respect, unity and understanding among the citizens of the District, **and**

WHEREAS: Considering the fact that we the people of Gbarzon District are working progressively to revive the hopes and aspirations of the District through socio-economic

development programs, there is now a greater need than ever before for the Seventh National Convention to elect and maintain the current interim leadership for a period of two years and give unflinching support to this interim leadership to promote, peace, unity and reconciliation among the people of Gbarzon Statutory District in the Diaspora and provide stewardship for organizational progress and stability, **and be it**

RESOLVED: That the Seventh National Convention has maintained the Bantoe/ Tagblor administration to steer the affairs of the Association for two years until elections are held in 2017, **and be it further**

RESOLVED: That the Seventh National Convention has settled the long standing constitutional matter that almost fractured the core existence of the Gbarzon District Association in the Americas, Inc. The National Conference has resolved that the people of Gbarzon District going forward will maintain or keep the old constitution and that elections will be the means by which the leadership of the Association is selected; that is, the people of Gbarzon District will go to general elections at the end of every administrative term of office, **and be it further**

RESOLVED: That the people of Gbarzon District will meet at a national convention annually in August to discuss developmental goals and objectives and that the eight such convention be held in August 2016 in the City of Philadelphia, PA., **and be it further**

RESOLVED: That the national leadership report back to the next National Convention on the progress and success of the development programs in the District and we the people of Gbarzon District in our joint effort will continue to come together to support development projects in the District, **and be it further**

RESOLVED: That in the attainment of these developmental objectives, the national leadership and the people of Gbarzon

District will work collaboratively with the government of Liberia, the Grand Gedeh Legislative Caucus, County leadership, local Gbarzon Statutory District leadership, non-governmental organizations, the Grand Gedeh Association in the Americas and other Liberian civil organizations both at home and in the Diaspora.

Signed:

The Secretariat

Mr. Joshua Erich

Mr. Sonplyee Zahi Oulahi

Mr. Gbote Tahyor

Mr. Mark Nyemah

Approved:

Mr. Anthony Tweh, Chairman

Seventh Annual Convention Committee- 2015