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Dear ADOS Advocates,

In honor of National Volunteer Month, I am pleased to address you today as we commemorate the remarkable growth and achievements of the ADOS Advocacy Foundation. Our journey has been one of resilience, determination, and unwavering commitment to the improvement of our communities. As we stand on the brink of even greater opportunities, I am filled with immense pride for what we have accomplished collectively.

A key aspect of our success lies in the establishment and activation of state chapters nationwide. These chapters serve as beacons of hope and change in their respective communities, amplifying the voices of ADOS individuals and advocating tirelessly for our rights and reparations. From New York to Maryland, Georgia to North Carolina, our chapters have been at the forefront of meaningful action.

In states such as New York, Maryland, and Georgia, our impact has been evident through Reparations hearings, where we have demanded justice and recognition for the historical injustices inflicted upon our ancestors. These hearings raise awareness while laying the groundwork for substantive change and reparative measures.

Meanwhile, our focus on coalition building in North Carolina has enabled us to form powerful alliances with like-minded organizations, strengthening our collective impact and facilitating collaborative efforts to address systemic issues facing our communities.

Our commitment to providing support in times of crisis has been evident in our disaster relief efforts in Mississippi, where we have demonstrated the true essence of community and solidarity by assisting those in need.

Additionally, our dedication to education and empowerment is showcased through various training sessions we offer. These sessions focus on building Black agendas that uplift communities, identifying ancestral descendants of slavery in the United States, and equipping members with the civic knowledge necessary to effect meaningful change.

As we reflect on our achievements, it is crucial to acknowledge that our work is far from complete. The fight for the rights and recognition of ADOS individuals is ongoing, and we must remain steadfast in our resolve to continue this struggle. Our communities deserve nothing less than full equality, justice, and reparations for past injustices.

I urge each of you to stay engaged and to continue advocating, organizing, and mobilizing for the betterment of our people. Together, we possess the power to effect transformative change and build a future where every ADOS individual can thrive.

Regards,
Yvette Carnell President,
ADOS Advocacy Foundation