



## ROYAL DECREE AND CITATION

### FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE

**Dr. JOHN DAVID ARNOLD**

In recognition of his dedication to the people of Buem in Ghana and Owerri, Nigeria in poverty alleviation programs. Dr. Arnold's 43 year career as a philanthropist and an advocate for the poor has been marked by his innovation and resourcefulness in protecting declining living standards. His capabilities have helped to gain support for complex projects in Micro Credit and building schools for the rural poor but needy children in the Baika-Buem communities in the Volta Region of Ghana. He turned poverty gridlock into partnerships, while at the same time advocating for the poor on the corridors of the world powers. Through Dr. Arnold's efforts with the local government, an agreement was forged that the model of the **BUEMAN MICRO CREDIT COOPERATIVE SOCIETY** will be replicated in the whole county. Throughout his career, Dr. Arnold has been recognized for his leadership and effort to revive shattered dreams of the poor by various Presidents of the United States, congressmen and women and many dignitaries all over the world including His Holiness Dalai Lama. His skill and perseverance have produced successful solutions to difficult issues. For his excellence and outstanding contributions, John David Arnold is granted the Honorary Citizenship of Baika-Buem, Ghana. He has been elevated to the royal status with the stool name **NANA BLOTI OMABOYO I**. This title has never been conferred on anybody in the history of the Kingdom that dates back to the 10<sup>th</sup> century. Inducted into the Dangbea Royal Clan of Baika-Buem in August, 2011.

**NANA OTIMPONG OTIBRIBI III**

**King of the People of Baika-Buem**

**Ghana, West Africa**