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To Whom It May Concern:

Re: African Women Acting (AWA)

I am pleased to express my support for African Women Acting (AWA) and their participation as a presenter-partner in the upcoming Reconnect Festival in Nigeria.

I have had the opportunity to support AWA through initiatives that empower artists, amplify diverse voices, and foster meaningful cultural engagement within the Niagara community. Their work has made a positive impact locally in Niagara Falls by creating opportunities for African and diasporic artists—particularly women—to connect, grow, and showcase their talents.

AWA's programs, including workshops, film initiatives, music festivals, and community outreach, have strengthened our local arts community while promoting greater cultural awareness and inclusion. Their commitment to supporting artists and building connections is both meaningful and impactful.

Their participation in the Reconnect Festival is an exciting next step, opportunity for international collaboration and cultural exchange between Canada and Nigeria. This initiative will allow artists and creatives to share their work, build networks, and contribute to a broader global dialogue.

Initiatives like this are important in strengthening cultural ties, supporting the arts, and creating new opportunities for creative professionals. I am confident that AWA will represent our community with professionalism and excellence on an international stage.

I thank AWA for their continued contributions and wish them every success at the Reconnect Festival.

Sincerely,

Jim Diodati
Mayor