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NAACP New York State Conference
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

HAZEL N. DUKES
President

August 18, 2017

Catherine Collins
Member, 8th Judicial District
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Dear Regent Collins:

As we celebrate our 81st year, we will convene our *81st Annual Convention on dates October 6, 7 & 8, 2017* in Niagara Falls New York. Our theme this year *NAACP: Steadfast and Immovable* is a theme that captures the position of the State Conference as we fight a new kind of intolerance creeping into our state and indeed the nation—an intolerance that shrouds its true identity and uses the law as a means to codify discrimination.

The 2017 New York State Conference priorities continue to be, to ensure that the six Game Changers and which includes and ensures that the educational, social and economic equality of all people are maintained and that the voting rights in this state are not politically compromised.

Our delegates and I would be extremely pleased, Regent Collins if you would agree to join us as a speaker at the Education Workshop on Saturday, October 7, 2017, approximately 10:00 AM at the Niagara Falls Conference and Events Center, Niagara Falls New York. Mr. Victor Goode, National Education Director will also be participating at the education workshop. The workshop will be moderated by Ms. Audrey Gaul, NYS Education Chair.

Kindly have your scheduler make your travel arrangements and the NY State Conference will provide travel reimbursement and if necessary provide hotel accommodations for you. Kindly contact Thomie at 212-344-7474 Ext. 112 or at NYSNAACP@gmail.com once your travel has been arranged, she will then coordinate your stay in Niagara Falls New York.

Finally, would you also kindly provide a one page bio to be included in our convention journal. Regent Collins, I do so look forward to your positive response. Have a great rest of the summer.

Sincerely,

Hazel N. Dukes

cc: Victor Goode
NAACP National Education Director