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Greensboro, April 15, 2007: The Liberian History, Education Development (LIHEDE), Inc. in collaboration with The African Alliance of Rhode Island (AARI), The Liberian Ministry of Health & Social Welfare, NC A&T State University, and Friends of Liberia will jointly sponsor the second Community-Malaria FORUM in Providence, Rhode Island on Saturday, June 2, 2007 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm.

The theme of the forum is "entitled: "The Liberian Case Study: MALARIA FORUM & "Working With Parasitic Tropical Vector Diseases." Its objectives are to strengthen working relationships among government agencies, NGOs, Community-Based organizations, associations, academic institutions, businesses and industries to ensure effective implementation of George Bush's President Malaria Initiative (PMI) program in Liberia; to develop an active civic society to ensure accountability in the mechanism for implementation of the PMI program; and to ensure the program benefits the general population of Liberia, especially the vast majority living in rural communities.

In order to ensure the accomplishment of the above objective, LIHEDE kicked-off its community forum on Saturday, March 10, 2007 in Baltimore, MD at the People's Community Lutheran Church about the debilitating disease -malaria

The community forum is a follow-up to the first post-war National Malaria Conference held on December 14-18, 2006. LIHEDE hosted the first post-war National Malaria Conference on the main campus of the University of Liberia in Monrovia in collaboration with governmental and non-governmental organizations.

The collaborators of the Conference included the Liberian Ministries of Health and Social Welfare, Youth and Sports, Information, and Cultural Affairs and Tourism; BNetTV.com of Canada; US-based Congress of Racial Equality; United Nations General Assembly (President); United Nations Millennium Project; US-based Kill Malaria Mosquitoes Now Coalition; West Coastal Aerial Applicators, Inc.; Tr-Ac-Net consulting group; and AME University, Cuttington University in Liberia, and University of Liberia.

One of the highlights of the Conference was an invitation extended to officials of LIHEDE during the Conference by the US Ambassador to Liberia, Hon. Donald Booth, to join him at the US embassy to witness the historic announcement made by President Bush via satellite, naming Liberia as a focused county to benefit from the PMI funds. Liberia is therefore expected to receive 2.5 million in 2007 and 8 million in 2008 to combat the deadly but curable disease, malaria.

It is against this backdrop that LIHEDE in collaboration community organizations will be holding a Second community forum on June 2, 2007 to provide briefing to the African Community and friends of Liberia in Rhodes Island and its environs on the outcomes of the National Malaria Conference and solicit views from the public relative to a forward plan to engage and support the Liberian Government in the implementation of the PMI program in Liberia.

It is expected that the members of the African community and friends of Liberia will attend the community to participate in the conversation to combat the deadly but curable disease-malaria.

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