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Greetings:

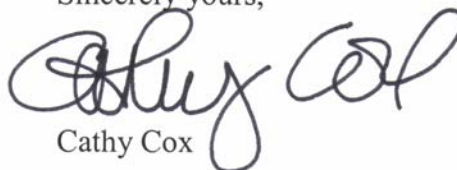
As Georgia's Secretary of State, I am delighted to welcome you to the beautiful Cobb Galleria Centre for *Flavors of Africa*, hosted by **Sheba Foods**. This occasion will serve as a wonderful opportunity for the community to come together and learn more about the remarkable cultural diversity found throughout the continent of Africa while sampling delicious cuisine, enjoying outstanding entertainment and exploring a wide array of business and trade opportunities.

Although a prior commitment prevents me from being among you, I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to all those involved in making this weekend's events possible. I know that an impressive contingency of African Ambassadors have traveled long distances in order to represent their nations here, and they are being joined by many leading business professionals, artists and trades people from throughout Georgia and beyond in an effort to create lasting personal alliances, improve trade and investment prospects, and cultivate new opportunities for interaction between the citizens of our state and the people of Africa. I am grateful for the many benefits, both economic and educational, that *Flavors of Africa* will provide to our state, and I am confident that the coming years will bring an even greater measure of success to the event.

Again, best wishes for a productive and enjoyable gathering, and I look forward to future involvement with *Flavors of Africa* and the great people at Sheba Foods. If I can ever be of service, please do not hesitate to contact me or my Assistant Secretary of State, Terrell Slayton.

With kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,



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