

humous Presidential Pardon of Marcus Mosiah Garvey

ing and substantial contributions to society, his efforts to uplift
ld over, and his work to promote economic independence as a
Doležal stands in support of the descendants of Marcus Mosiah
us presidential pardon on Garvey's behalf.

tory as one of the first leaders of the American civil rights
century, he was an advocate for the social, political, and eco-
frican descent across the world, and Garvey staked his name
nent of economic opportunity as a source of black empower-
d a common goal of social progress, Garvey founded the Uni-
ation ("UNIA"), which at its height boasted nearly 6 million
ords of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., "He was the first man on a
ns of Negroes a sense of dignity and destiny. And make the

is Garvey was targeted and undermined by the U.S. govern-
eadership for people of the African Diaspora living in America
global community. He continues as an inspiration for my own
worthy role model for my sons and so many others. No matter
alt sits as a weight until it is corrected. It is long overdue to
r the sake of his family and his own legacy but as an act of
ouragement out to all who lead and serve, that integrity and

ts, Garvey was viewed as a threat to the established order by
ore Dr. King would become targeted for his activism, J. Edgar
ition in its surveillance of Garvey and actively sought methods
vil rights movement. In 1923, based on intelligence gathered
Garvey supporters and aided by judicial proceedings that have
ly unsound and politically and racially motivated, Garvey was
ced to five years in federal prison. In partial recognition of the
secution of the case, President Calvin Coolidge commuted the
ported Garvey from the country.

tion now filed on Garvey's behalf seeks to exonerate him

Following the commutation of his sentence, efforts to fully
going and concerted on the part of the U.S. Congress, civil so-
nd international groups. More than 90 years after the imposi-
ardon Marcus Mosiah Garvey and let history reflect the true

Sincerely,

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