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NAACP PA STATE CONFERENCE:
Response to Governor Wolf's Budget Speech

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NAACP PA appreciates the 2016 budget address delivered by Governor Wolf. NAACP PA agrees that Pennsylvania needs to get on the road to restoration. The more than 7,000 NAACP members across Pennsylvania want the legislature to pass a responsible, sustainable budget. We want the legislators to understand that we represent the “people back home” and we agree with the Governor that real people will be hurt by a failure to perform by our state law makers.

NAACP PA is concerned about the elderly, the mentally challenged, domestic violence, early childhood education, a strong public education system and post-secondary education. Our membership is troubled by the two billion dollar structural deficit and the \$139 million dollars in interest on that debt that tax payers pay each year – and for which we get nothing in return.

The Governor's message was no ordinary budget address. NAACP PA applauds the Governor for explaining in detail the direct and dire consequences to Pennsylvanians if the legislature fails to cooperate on behalf of the citizens of the Commonwealth. He has made it clear and understandable to tax payers that it is time for our elected officials to meet their responsibility and to do the right thing.

Budgets are moral documents. The job of our legislature is to pass a responsible, sustainable budget that addresses the needs of the people of Pennsylvania. As that is true, NAACP PA will use all its resources to share the catastrophic impact of the legislature's failure to deliver a sound, sustainable, responsible budget that moves Pennsylvania forward.

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