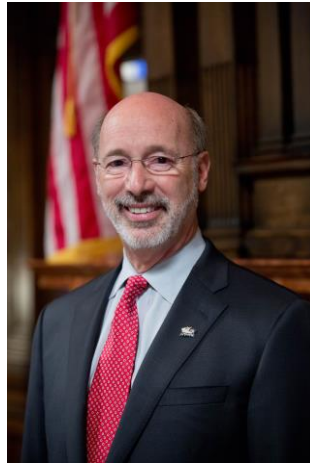




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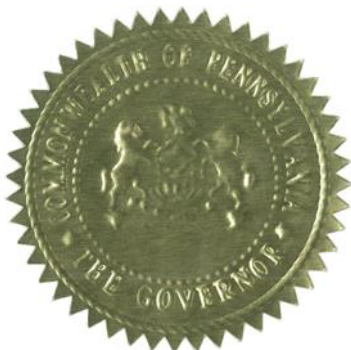


**GREETINGS:**

**It is my pleasure to welcome everyone gathered for the 48<sup>th</sup> annual Pennsylvania Black Conference on Higher Education, Inc. (PBCOHE).**

**Pennsylvania is comprised of vibrant and diverse communities that provide its citizens with a wealth of knowledge and culture. However, the commonwealth cannot thrive when opportunities do not exist for all people. Since its inception, the PBCOHE has proudly upheld its mission by continuing to be a vital resource in the development and empowerment of African Americans to pursue higher education. This year's theme, "*Valuing Diversity to Cultivate & Sustain Student Success*" will encourage dialogue between members and government officials. Through their advocacy, the members of PBCOHE have provided scholarships and offered workshops and conferences to ensure that countless individuals have the opportunity to further their education. I applaud this association for its strategic vision in promoting and honoring the best and brightest of Pennsylvania, and I am certain this conference will continue to be instrumental to the future of the commonwealth for years to come.**

**As Governor, and on behalf of all the citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, I am delighted to welcome all those gathered for the 48<sup>th</sup> annual Pennsylvania Black Conference on Higher Education, Inc. Please accept my best wishes for a memorable event and for continued success.**



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tom Wolf".

**TOM WOLF**  
Governor  
February 22-24, 2018