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PRESS RELEASE

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Tanyigbe Traditional Council Reaffirms Authority of Togbega Kodi Adiko VI
Tanyigbe, Volta Region – 23rd December 2025

We, the Tanyigbe Traditional Council, hereby reaffirm the legitimacy and authority of His Royal Highness, Togbega Kodi Adiko VI, as the Paramount Chief of the Tanyigbe Traditional Area, in response to misinformation circulating in sections of the media space regarding his status.

The Tanyigbe Traditional Council affirms that the Kodi Stool is the ancient and paramount stool of Tanyigbe, brought from Notsie during the historic migration of the Ewe people. For centuries, the Kodi Stool has constituted the supreme traditional authority over the four divisions of Tanyigbe – Anyigbe, Etoe, Atidze, and Dzafe. Both oral tradition and documented historical records attest to an unbroken, non-rotational succession of six Paramount Chiefs from the Kodivi Royal Clan of the Adiko Royal Family. The current occupant of the Kodi Stool is His Royal Highness Togbega Kodi Adiko VI, preceded by Togbe Kodi Adiko I, Togbe Fiakpoe Adiko II, Togbe Apatsi Adiko III, Togbe Goto Kɔsi Adiko IV, and Togbe Kwasi Adiko V.

We further affirm that Togbega Kodi Adiko VI was duly nominated, selected, confined, and enstooled following the passing of his predecessor, Togbe Kwasi Adiko V, in strict accordance with Tanyigbe and Ewe customary practices. His enstoolment was conducted with the full participation and endorsement of our kingmakers and Traditional Authority and included all required rites, including oath-swearing by the rightful persons, sacred rites, and public outdoorings.

With respect to the legal status of the matter, we acknowledge that a chieftaincy dispute relating to the Tanyigbe Paramountcy is currently pending before the National House of Chiefs. While the Volta Regional House of Chiefs issued a ruling in March 2025, we confirm that an appeal was duly filed in accordance with the law.

Under Section 34 of the Chieftaincy Act, 2008 (Act 759), the filing of an appeal automatically operates as a stay of execution of the Regional House of Chiefs' decision. Accordingly, any claim suggesting that the enstoolment of Togbega Kodi Adiko VI has been nullified, declared void, or rendered illegitimate is legally unfounded and misleading. The Regional House of Chiefs ruling remains stayed, and Togbega Kodi Adiko VI continues to exercise full authority as Paramount Chief pending the final determination of the appeal at the National House of Chiefs.

We reiterate that the chiefs, elders, and kingmakers of all four divisions of the Tanyigbe Traditional Area continue to unanimously recognise and support Togbega Kodi Adiko VI as our legitimate Paramount Chief.

We therefore call on all parties to respect the judicial process and to refrain from actions or statements capable of undermining peace, unity, and public order within our Traditional Area. We urge community members, development partners, state institutions, and the public to disregard any

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misinformation and to continue engaging with the duly recognised Traditional Authority of Tanyigbe, led by Togbega Kodi Adiko VI.

We further note that under the leadership of Togbega Kodi Adiko VI, the Tanyigbe Traditional Area has enjoyed sustained peace and has recorded steady progress in community development, education, youth empowerment, cultural preservation, and peacebuilding.

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