

technical assistance and program development to the State's 300 or more ethnic organizations and serves as liaison between those organizations and State government.

With the advice and consent of the Senate, the Governor appoints the Commission's fifteen members, who serve three-year terms. The Commission appoints the Director with the approval of the Secretary of Housing and Community Development (Code 1957, Art. 41B, secs. 5-501 through 5-509).

### COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

*Chairperson:* George Foster, 1990

Martha Jones, 1988; Barry Richardson, 1988; Joseph Strickel, 1988; Jane M. Utterback, 1988; S. Helen Heckwolf, 1990; Mervin Savoy, 1990; *two vacancies.*

*Director:* Patricia S. King

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The Commission originally was created in 1974 as part of the Commission on Afro-American and Indian History and Culture. It became a separate agency within the Department of Economic and Community Development in 1976 (Chapter 148, Acts of 1976). In 1987, the Commission on Indian Affairs was made part of the Department of Housing and Community Development (Senate Bill no. 699).

The Commission coordinates programs and projects to further the cultural, educational, economic, and social development of Maryland's diverse Indian communities. The Commission also works to increase public awareness and appreciation of the rich contributions that Indians have made to life in the State.

The Commission consists of nine members, a majority of whom must be members of the Native American Indian communities of Maryland. Appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate, members serve three-year terms. They must have knowledge of Indian culture and history and be sensitive to the problems of the Indian communities. Subject to the approval of the Secretary of Housing and Community Development, the Commission appoints the Director (Code 1957, Art. 41B, secs. 5-401 through 5-405).

### ST. MARY'S CITY COMMISSION

*Chairperson:* Marianne E. Alexander, 1991

Richard D. Weigle, 1987; A. Jeanette Curran, 1988; Roy N. Stanton, 1988; John T. Daugherty, 1989; J. Patrick Jarboe, 1990; F. Alexander Meatyard III, 1990; Orwin C. Talbott, 1991; *one vacancy.*

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The St. Mary's City Commission was created in 1966 (Chapter 115, Acts of 1966). Formerly under the Department of Economic and Community Development, the Commission became part of the Department of Housing and Community Development in 1987 (Senate Bill no. 699).

The Commission was created to preserve, develop, and maintain Historic St. Mary's City, Maryland's first settlement and for sixty-one years its colonial capital. Through the Commission's work, Historic St. Mary's City Park was completed in 1984, the year Maryland celebrated its 350th anniversary.

The goal of the Commission is to preserve, study, and interpret the site of Maryland's first capital in the context of the Chesapeake Bay region from pre-history to the present, with a primary emphasis on the early colonial period. The Commission is empowered to acquire historical and cultural properties necessary for the proper use and administration of the Park. The Commission may accept private gifts, as well as federal, State, and local government grants.

The Commission consists of nine members appointed to five-year terms by the Secretary of Housing and Community Development with the approval of the Governor. Two members must be residents of St. Mary's County and at least five must be Maryland residents. Members are selected on the basis of ability, public spirit, and historical and professional interest. Subject to the approval of the Secretary of Housing and Community Development, the Commission appoints the Director (Code 1957, Art. 41B, secs. 5-201 through 5-212).

### MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

*Chairperson:* Catharine F. Black, 1990