

ment, the Commissioners appoint the Director (Code 1957, Art. 83B, secs. 5-301 through 5-306). The Commission also includes an Advisory Committee.

MARYLAND ETHNIC HERITAGE COMMISSION

Tuan Quoc Pham, *Chairperson*, 1991

Appointed by Governor with Senate advice & consent: Mohyee E. Eldefrawi, Ph.D., 1991; Hiroshi Nakazawa, M.D., 1991; Eva Slezak, 1991; Sol del Ande Eaton, 1992; Mary Louise Jones, 1992; Sister Annella Martin, 1992; Pete N. Nickolas, D.D.S., 1992; Joseph A. Trevino, 1992; Paul Fenchak, 1993; Lea Kiik, 1993; Jazmin A. Manlapaz, 1993; Sheila Rao, 1993; Judith C. Toth, 1993; one vacancy.

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The Maryland Ethnic Heritage Commission began as the Commission on Ethnic Affairs, created by Executive Order in 1977. It received its present name in 1984 when it was established within the Department of Economic and Community Development (Chapter 116, Acts of 1984). In 1987, the Commission became part of the Department of Housing and Community Development (Chapter 311, Acts of 1987).

The Commission advises the Governor on State programs and activities relating to Maryland's ethnic heritage. The Commission sponsors and promotes cultural and educational programs; publishes a newsletter and a directory; and serves as a clearinghouse for the State's ethnic communities, as well as for county, State and federal entities. It recommends and encourages the commemoration of historical events, such as the building of the Statue of Liberty, the 1990 Census, and the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution; the official recognition of ethnic achievements; and research and preservation of the traditions of Maryland's ethnic cultures.

The Commission promotes understanding among ethnic groups and between ethnic groups and the community at large. It provides technical assistance and programs to over 300 ethnic organizations in Maryland and serves as liaison between those organizations and State government.

With Senate advice and consent, the Governor appoints the Commission's fifteen members to three-year terms. The Commission appoints the Director with the approval of the Secretary of Housing and Community Development (Code 1957, Art. 83B, secs. 5-501 through 5-509).

COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Kevin Harley, *Chairperson*, 1992

Appointed by Governor with Senate advice & consent: Paul B. Cissna, Ph.D., 1991; Barry McCray Richardson, 1991; Rebecca Seib, 1991; Carol D. Jones, 1992; Joseph L. Strickel, 1992; Sewell Edward Fitzhugh, 1993; Terrence P. Lowe, Ph.D., 1993; Mervin A. Savoy, 1993.

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The Commission originated 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 (Chapter 311, Acts of 1987).

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 Senate advice and consent, members serve three-year terms. They must have knowledge of Indian culture and history, and the problems of Indian communities. Subject to the approval of the Secretary of Housing and Community Development, the Commission appoints the Director (Code 1957, Art. 83B, secs. 5-401 through 5-405).

OFFICE OF MUSEUM SERVICES

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Formed in 1989, the Office of Museum Services is responsible for the Historical and Cultural Museum Assistance Program. The Office provides financial and technical assistance to local jurisdictions and private, nonprofit organizations for museums (Code 1957, Art. 83B, secs. 5-701 through 5-705).

The Office also provides administrative oversight and coordination for the Division's three museum properties: Banneker/Douglass Museum of Afro-American Life and History, Jefferson Patterson Historical Park and Museum, and Historic St. Mary's City.