

cal materials—art objects, memorabilia, manuscripts, photographs, and other articles of significance to African-American history and culture.

For the community at large and the educational systems and institutions within the State, the Commission provides exhibits, programs, and resource materials. The Commission also participates in a continuing statewide survey to locate and identify sites and buildings of historical and cultural importance to the African-American experience in Maryland.

The State's annual observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday in January is planned and coordinated by the Commission. Any available federal or private funds for the planning and execution of commemorative and educational activities in connection with that observance are received and administered by the Commission.

The Commission's nine members are appointed to four-year terms by the Governor with Senate advice and consent. Subject to the approval of the Secretary of Housing and Community Development, the Commission appoints the Director (Code 1957, Art. 83B, secs. 5-301 through 5-306). The Commission is aided by an Advisory Committee.

#### COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

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The Commission began in 1974 as part of the Commission on Afro-American and Indian History and Culture. Within the Department of Economic and Community Development, it became a separate agency 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). Formerly under the Division's Office of Cultural and Educational Services, the Commission in 1992 was placed under the Office of Research, Survey, and Registration.

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. Petitions from Native-American groups are reviewed by the Commission for recognition by the Governor as Maryland Indian tribes. The Commission also reviews requests to the Maryland Historical Trust for transfer to Native Americans of human remains and associated funerary objects in the custody of the Trust.

The Commission consists of nine members, a majority of whom must be members of the Native American communities of Maryland. Appointed by the Governor with Senate advice and consent,

members serve three-year terms. 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 5-406).

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### DIVISION OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

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The Division of Information Technology and Portfolio Management originated in 1994 as the Office of Information Systems under the Division of Finance and Administration. The Office was reorganized as a division in 1996. The Division oversees three offices: Information Systems; Portfolio Management; and Research.

#### OFFICE OF INFORMATION SYSTEMS

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The Office of Information Systems was formed in 1996 within the Division of Information Technology and Portfolio Management. The Office creates and maintains an information systems infrastructure that provides access to data for Department staff and customers, including citizens, local government, lenders, developers, lawyers, and investment bankers. The Office supports the hardware and software of the Local Area Network (LAN) and provides the Department with Wide Area Network capabilities. In addition, the Office enhances customer service through data systems management.

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Portfolio Management began in 1994 under the Maryland Housing Fund and became part of the Division of Information Technology and Portfolio Management in 1996. For the Maryland Housing Fund, the Office focuses on risk management, and analysis and planning to better position the Fund's portfolio for the future. The Office has helped increase reserve funds through loan and mortgage insurance initiatives.

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The Office of Research began in 1970 when the Department of Economic and Community Development was formed. The Office joined the Department of Housing and Community Development in