

Susquehannocks and Wicomicos is essential to a complete view of the history of Maryland.

WHEREAS, There is a definite need for an ongoing agency to continue research, collection and preservation activities; to encourage and support where possible the local efforts of historical and cultural groups throughout the State; to insure active minority participation in such important observances as the American Revolution Bicentennial; to bring about a clearer understanding of the role and contribution of minority citizens to the building of the enrichment of Maryland life and history; and to insure continued active participation in all phases of the State's cultural life and development; now, therefore:

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 409 and the subtitle "Commission on Negro History and Culture" of Article 41 - Governor-Executive and Administrative Departments, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1973 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That new Section 409 to be under the new subtitle "Commission on Afro-American and Indian History and Culture" be and it is hereby added to Article 41 - Governor-Executive and Administrative Departments, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1973 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 41 - Governor-Executive and Administrative
Departments

COMMISSION OF AFRO-AMERICAN AND INDIAN
HISTORY AND CULTURE

409.

(A) THE COMMISSION ON AFRO-AMERICAN AND INDIAN HISTORY AND CULTURE IS CREATED AS AN INDEPENDENT AGENCY WITHIN THE STATE GOVERNMENT. IT SHALL BE REFERRED TO AS THE "COMMISSION."

(B) (1) THE COMMISSION SHALL CONSIST OF NINE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR. THE APPOINTEES SHALL REPRESENT THE ENTIRE MARYLAND COMMUNITY, AND THEY SHALL HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF AFRO-AMERICAN AND INDIAN CULTURE AND HISTORY, RESPECTIVELY; BE SENSITIVE TO THE PROBLEMS OF MINORITY COMMUNITIES; AND BE CONNECTED WITH AGENCIES WORKING TO INTEGRATE MINORITY HISTORY AND CULTURE INTO