

Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments

TITLE 20. STATEWIDE CULTURAL PROGRAMS.

SUBTITLE 1. MARYLAND AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM CORPORATION.

20-101.

IN THIS SUBTITLE, "CORPORATION" MEANS THE MARYLAND AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM CORPORATION.

~~20-102.~~

~~(A) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DECLARES AND FINDS THAT:~~

~~(1) MARYLAND POSSESSES A RICH AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE, FROM MATHIAS DESOUSA TO THURGOOD MARSHALL, AND FROM THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD TO THE MODERN CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT;~~

~~(2) THE STATE AND ITS CITIZENS HAVE A NEED FOR AND SUPPORT AN INSTITUTION OR INSTITUTIONS TO COLLECT, PRESERVE, AND INTERPRET FOR THE PUBLIC THE STATE'S AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE AND CAN DERIVE SUBSTANTIAL BENEFIT FROM THEM, INCLUDING CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE FORM OF INCREASED TOURISM AND VISITATION TO THE STATE; AND~~

~~(3) THE STATE, THROUGH A MARYLAND AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM CORPORATION, CAN MORE READILY ACCESS GOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE FINANCIAL, COMMUNITY, AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT TO PLAN AND IMPLEMENT INSTITUTIONS FOR THESE PURPOSES.~~

~~(B) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FURTHER DECLARES AND FINDS THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STATE PUBLIC CORPORATION TO DEVELOP, OPERATE, AND SUPPORT INSTITUTIONS FOR THE COLLECTION, PRESERVATION, AND INTERPRETATION OF THE STATE'S AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE WOULD SERVE THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND WOULD COMPLEMENT EXISTING AND PROPOSED AFRICAN AMERICAN AND OTHER HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL AND HERITAGE TOURISM PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE STATE.~~

~~(C) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY INTENDS THAT THE MARYLAND AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM CORPORATION INITIALLY ESTABLISH A MUSEUM OF AFRICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE IN BALTIMORE CITY, IN COOPERATION WITH AND WITH THE ACTIVE SUPPORT OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, APPROPRIATE STATE AGENCIES, AND OTHER PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS.~~

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(A) THERE IS A MARYLAND AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM CORPORATION.

(B) (1) THE CORPORATION IS A BODY POLITIC AND CORPORATE AND IS CONSTITUTED AS A PUBLIC INSTRUMENTALITY OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND AND AN INDEPENDENT UNIT IN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT.