

~~(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.

(2) THE EXERCISE BY THE CORPORATION OF THE POWERS CONFERRED BY THIS SUBTITLE IS DEEMED TO BE THE PERFORMANCE OF AN ESSENTIAL PUBLIC FUNCTION.

(C) (1) THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CORPORATION SHALL MANAGE THE AFFAIRS OF THE CORPORATION AND SHALL EXERCISE ALL OF ITS CORPORATE POWERS.

(2) THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL CONSIST OF ~~16~~ 32 MEMBERS, AS FOLLOWS:

(I) THE MAYOR OF BALTIMORE OR THE MAYOR'S DESIGNEE SERVING EX OFFICIO;

(II) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY AND APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR;

(III) THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION ON AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE OR THE CHAIRMAN'S DESIGNEE, AND TWO OTHER COMMISSION MEMBERS APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION, ALL APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE CONTINUING COORDINATION AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE CORPORATION AND THE COMMISSION AND TO ASSURE CONSISTENCY WITH THE STATEWIDE PROGRAMS AND MANDATES OF THE COMMISSION;

~~(III)~~ (IV) FOUR REPRESENTATIVES OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORICAL OR CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS IN THE STATE, APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR; AND