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I am delighted to present the 2008 Annual Report of the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs.

The rich heritage of the American Indian community in Maryland is vast, stretching from the Appalachian Mountains to the shores of the Chesapeake Bay and beyond. Many of our rivers, streams, forests, trails, islands, towns and landmarks bear ties to the American Indian people.

The Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs has demonstrated a steadfast commitment in its efforts to enlighten the public toward a better understanding of American Indian history and culture and worked tirelessly to promote the welfare of the American Indian community in Maryland.

As we make real and steady progress in our One Maryland, I will rely on the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs to help expand opportunities for the American Indian community in business, employment, education, health and many other areas.

Martin O’Malley
Governor
MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE
GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

The Governor’s Office of Community Initiatives (GOCI) coordinates community and volunteer activities statewide and advises the Governor on policies to enhance and improve community programs. This Office also oversees the work of the Governor’s Office on Service and Volunteerism, Volunteer Maryland and community outreach in cooperation with the Governor’s Intergovernmental Affairs Office to serve the Executive Branch of Maryland government. In addition, GOCI coordinates outreach to ethnic communities across Maryland, overseeing the Governor’s Office and Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs, the Governor’s Commission on Hispanic Affairs, the Governor’s Commission on Middle Eastern American Affairs, the Maryland Commission on African Affairs, the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs, the Maryland Commission on New Americans and the Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture.

In 2008, Governor Martin O’Malley signed into law HB782, which received unanimous support in the Maryland House of Delegates and the Maryland State Senate. This action codified the Governor’s Office of Community Initiatives. In making the Commission a part of the Governor’s Office, we are demonstrating the importance of the Commission through our own actions, while making the resources of the Governor’s Office and the Office of Community Initiatives available to the Commission.

Governor O’Malley proclaimed the first annual statewide American Indian Heritage Day holiday on November 28, 2008 to show appreciation for the contributions and sacrifices made by the first Marylanders. We fully anticipate making additional strides toward creating greater access and opportunities for the American Indian community living in Maryland.

Keith Colston is Executive Director of the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs and is a member of the Tuscarora Nation/Lumbee tribe. Under his leadership the Commission has already become an integral part of the Governor’s Office of Community Initiatives.

Finally, I would like to commend Secretary Brenda Donald, Deputy Secretary Stacy Rogers and the Department of Human Resources, which for three years housed the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs and generously provided the resources to allow the Commission to do its important work.

Israel C. “Izzy” Patoka, Executive Director
Governor’s Office of Community Initiatives
Dear Friends:

It gives me great pleasure to present to you the 2008 Annual Report of the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs. The report provides insight on the accomplishments, challenges and activities of the Commission during this past year.

The Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs is committed to helping the American Indian groups residing in Maryland. We will continue to work closely with the Governor, State agencies and the American Indian groups to ensure the needs of the American Indians are addressed.

The Commission wishes to express its gratitude to Governor Martin O’Malley, and his administration for its continued support of the American Indian community as we strive to move forward the vision and mission of the Commission.

Sincerely,

Auriel A. Fenwick
Chair
## COMMISSIONERS

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## STAFF

E. Keith Colston  
Executive Director  
Tuscarora/Lumbee Tribes  
Baltimore City
HISTORY

The Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs was created by the General Assembly in 1976 to represent and serve the state’s American Indian community.

As the official statewide agency for American Indians, the Commission initiates and supports activities that affect American Indians in Maryland and furthers the understanding of American Indian history and culture.

By providing a forum for communication, the Commission encourages cooperation and the exchange of ideas among American Indians in the state. The Commission also serves as a liaison between Maryland’s American Indians and the state and federal governments.

In 2005 the Maryland General Assembly transferred by legislation (House Bill 1562, Chapter 440 of Maryland State Laws 2005) the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs from the Department of Housing and Community Development to the Department of Human Resources. In 2008, House Bill 782 elevated the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs to the executive level by placing it in the Governor’s Office of Community Initiatives.

The Commission is staffed by an Executive Director who supervises the Commission’s programs and activities.

MISSION

To serve the interests of American Indian groups and communities in Maryland.

To promote awareness and a better understanding of both historical and contemporary American Indian contributions in Maryland by:

- Assisting in the protection of American Indian burial and other culturally significant sites
- Organizing and maintaining a database of resources specific to American Indian history and culture in Maryland
- Publishing information and giving presentations on the culture and accomplishments of American Indian groups in Maryland
- Serving as a statewide clearinghouse for information

To assist state, local and private agencies responsible for addressing the educational, social and economic needs of American Indian communities in Maryland with the following activities:

- Identifying unmet social and economic needs and recommending specific actions to meet those needs
- Identifying and supporting physical and mental health programs for American Indians
- Supporting government education programs serving American Indian youth in Maryland
- Making recommendations to encourage and promote economic development in American Indian communities

Provide support in the process of obtaining Recognition of State and/or Federal Indian Status.
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The year 2008 was filled with numerous achievements as the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs (MCIA) continued to take a proactive stance in the community. The Commission focused on three main themes; Recognition, Repatriation and Education as well as outreach to various entities. What began in 2007 through outreach to local, state and private entities willing to network and create partnerships, has led to historic achievements.

Leadership

MCIA continued to be led by Chairwoman Auriel Fenwick. During the year, elections were held as mandated in the statutes and by-laws. Commissioner Auriel Fenwick was re-elected as the Chair and Commissioner Thomas Windsor II was re-elected as the Vice-Chair. Each of MCIA’s commissioners took on vital leadership roles that led to productive results. The efforts put forth continue to be a symbol of the commitment of each Commissioner and staff member.

Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Water Trail

Captain John Smith’s explorations of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries were journeys of adventure and discovery, as well as hardship. These travels opened the way for profound and lasting change in the region. These changes have affected the Indigenous Peoples of what is today, modern day Maryland. Keith Colston, Executive Director of MCIA, was selected by the United States Department of the Interior to serve on the Advisory Council for the development of the trail. Individuals selected consult with the Secretary of the Interior frequently to monitor the development of a comprehensive plan, the selection of rights-of-way, standards for the erection and maintenance of markers along the trail, and the administration of the trail. The Indigenous Peoples of Maryland provided direct input to effectively relate the factual and historical accounts that aided Captain John Smith. Three anticipated outcomes that will benefit the Indigenous Peoples will be education, environmental awareness and tourism. This is a ten year project and MCIA will continue its participation.
Repatriation – The Working Group

The Working Group on Native American Human Remains held their first meeting on October 2, 2008. The meeting was held at the Peoples Resource Center in Crownsville. Representing the MCIA, is Commissioner Virginia Busby, Co-Chair for the Working Group. The Working Group is comprised of ten individuals, five designated by the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs, and five designated by the Maryland Historical Trust. These designees have been tasked by the Secretary of Planning with considering the “Appropriate Place of Repose” for certain Native American Human Remains currently in the collections of the Maryland Historical Trust. Documents related to this task are available on the website of the Maryland Historical Trust at www.marylandhistoricaltrust.net (Forms & Documents, Native American Remains Consultation). For additional information, please contact Charlie Hall, Maryland State Terrestrial Archeologist, at 410.514.7665 or by email at chall@mdp.state.md.us.

Longest Walk 2, July 2008

The Longest Walk began February 11 in San Francisco, and made its way to Congress in July 2008. Before reaching Washington D.C., the participants traveled through the streets of Maryland.

The Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs was proud to be among the hundreds of organizations throughout the nation participating in the 30th anniversary of the Longest Walk to raise awareness of issues impacting the world environment, draw attention to the protection of Sacred Sites, and the dire need to clean up the Earth.

The Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs, the Governor’s Office of Community Initiatives and the Office of the Governor provided resources and manpower to ensure the safe passage of the participants. Executive Director Keith Colston served as the Master of Ceremonies for the celebration press conference held at Baltimore’s Inner Harbor.

“Maryland is walking hand and hand with the walkers and runners of the Longest Walk 2,” said Ricardo Tapia, National Coordinator of the Northern Route. “It is clear through the support we have received that Maryland has great respect for its Indigenous People and is concerned about the cultural and environmental survival of Mother Earth.”
The original Longest Walk of 1978 was organized in response to proposed legislation in Congress that would have repealed treaties that protected Native American sovereignty. In the aftermath of that first historic trek, those 11 bills were defeated and the American Indian Religious Freedom Act (AIRFA) of 1978 was passed.

AIRFA granted Indigenous People the right to exercise freedom of religion, a fundamental right guaranteed to all Americans under the U.S. Constitution.

Regional and National Involvement

The Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs remains active beyond the borders of the State. During the conception of the MCIA, it was as vital then as it is today that Indigenous Peoples participated in issues and share ideas for solutions with STET across the nation. By networking with other American Indian commissions and national entities, this enables MCIA to bring more resolution to the conflicts of its communities. In March 2008, MCIA attended the 2008 United Tribes of North Carolina Annual Unity Conference held in Raleigh, North Carolina. The three day event consisted of workshops, artistic competitions, cultural dance and an awards banquet. MCIA returned to North Carolina for the 4th Annual Southeast Indian Studies Conference in April. The conference dealt with historical data, cultural competency and provided questions, answers and debates on each of the presentations. Noted presenters included Ruth Locklear and Arlinda Locklear; Rico Newman representing the Piscataway Tribe and Keith Colston representing the Governor’s Office of Community Initiatives (GOCI).

MCIA traveled to South Dakota for the 59th Annual Governor’s Interstate Indian Council’s Conference in October. The GIIC is made up of state Indian Affairs Offices and Commissions from across the country and has been in existence since 1949. The mission of GIIC is to promote and enhance government to government relations between the tribes and states; respect and recognize the individual sovereignty of the tribes and the states; support the preservation of traditional Indian culture, language and values; and encourage socioeconomic development aimed at tribal self-sufficiency. MCIA is now a member of this prestigious group which will increase the visibility of MCIA efforts.
Legislation

The Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs played an active role in Maryland’s 2008 Legislative session. Early in the year MCIA attended various hearings on House Bill 128 (Maryland Indian Status), House Bill 782 (Governor’s Office of Community Initiatives – Reorganization of Various State Entities) and House Bill 83 (State Holiday - American Indian Heritage Day). On May 13th, House Bill 782 was signed by Governor O’Malley, elevating the MCIA to the Governor’s Office of Community Initiatives and allowing greater access to the resources of multiple State agencies. State agencies. History was made when Governor O’Malley signed House Bill 83 which recognized the fourth Friday of each November as a state holiday to celebrate American Indian Heritage in Maryland. The bill was introduced by Delegate Talmadge Branch and received strong support and leadership from Delegate Kumar P. Barve, Delegate James E. Proctor and Senator Joan Carter-Conway. MCIA and the various Indigenous communities supported the legislation by making phone calls, attending hearings and composing letters of support throughout the process. MCIA supported the opportunity for the State to honor the rich cultural heritage, proud history, and vital contributions of American Indians by recognizing American Indian Heritage Day.

Inaugural American Indian Heritage Day Celebration Dinner

To commemorate the historic passage of House Bill 83, MCIA hosted the Inaugural American Indian Heritage Day Celebration Dinner in the Miller State Office Building in Annapolis. Ron Warren provided American Indian flute music as invited guests interacted with one another. Welcoming remarks were made by MCIA Chair Auriel Fenwick and invocation by Rico
Newman. Keith Colston served as the emcee and Angela Lagdameo represented GOCI. Maryland Secretary of State John P. McDonough served as the keynote speaker as tribal chiefs were in attendance. A variety of individuals that represented local, state and federal agencies sat with tribal members from across Maryland. Delegate Talmadge Branch gave a heartfelt speech outlining the reasons for introducing HB 83 and the need to see it come to pass. Proclamations and citations were given to honor the diligent work of the Tribal Chiefs and MCIA Commissioners. A dance presentation by Native America’s People Dance Troupe, led by Keith Cox, added to the cultural expression of the night. American Indian cuisine was provided by WJ Strickland. MCIA would like to thank all who supported House Bill 83 – American Indian Heritage Day in Maryland.
Delegate Talmadge Branch—House Majority Whip
Chair Auriel A. Fenwick/Piscataway Conoy Tribe
Executive Director Keith Colston/Tuscarora/Lumbee Tribes

Maryland Secretary of State John P. McDonough
Joint Commissions Assembly

MCIA participated in the first Joint Commissions Assembly on December 9 in Annapolis. This event was an opportunity for each of the Commissions that fall under GOCI to meet, interact and share solutions to common issues. MCIA took part in discussions in reference to state ethics as commissioners, a year-end review of Commission accomplishments and strategic planning for 2009. Governor Martin O’Malley gave remarks and commented specifically on the Commissions move to GOCI. Each Chair had an opportunity to give a summarized report of achievements to the Governor.

Conclusion

The Governor’s Office of Community Initiatives and the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs are proud of the accomplishments made in 2008. We will continue to provide service, outreach and resources to Maryland’s Indigenous communities and its American Indian populations. We will continue to utilize all available resources through existing partnerships and those still to be made. Our achievements for 2008 will increase our ability to tackle the challenges that arise in 2009.
KEY PROJECTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Bringing Unity to the American Indian Population in Maryland
Several events were held throughout the year showcasing the talents and unique tribal customs to exemplify the diversity of our Indigenous Groups of the State of Maryland. Here are just a few representing our Commissioners and Tribal Leaders.

The Native America’s People Dance Troupe with Executive Director Keith Colston at the American Indian Heritage Month Kick-off on November 3, 2008

American Indian Heritage Month Kick-Off
Executive Director Keith Colston, Commissioner David Holland, Commissioner Guy Wells, Executive Director Israel “Izzy” Patoka (Governor’s Office of Community Initiatives), Commissioner Cornelius Red Deer, Secretary Gary D. Maynard (Department of Public Safety & Correctional Services), Director Carlessia Hussein (Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities, DHMH), Director Rodney Taylor (Office of Diversity and Inclusion, DHMH) and Director Lee Williamson (Employment Equity Unit, DHMH)
American Indian Heritage Month Kick-Off
The Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs celebrated the month of November as American Indian Heritage Month with a celebration kick-off that took place on November 3, 2008 at 201 W. Preston Street. Keeping with American Indian beliefs that all of life is a circle, the Commission ended the month with American Indian Heritage Day in Annapolis.

Information booths at the American Indian Heritage Month Kick-Off

Mr. Lee Williamson
Director
Employment Equity Unit
Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Dr. Carlessia Hussein
Director
Office of Minority Health & Health Disparities
Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Crowd Enjoying the American Indian Heritage Month Kick-off
Secretary Brenda Donald  
Department of Human Resources

Keith Cox, Director, Native America’s People (NAP), LLC/Lumbee Tribe

Secretary Gary D. Maynard  
Department of Public Safety & Correctional Services

Rodney Taylor, Director  
Office of Diversity and Inclusion  
Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Israel “Izzy” Patoka  
Executive Director  
Governor’s Office of Community Initiatives
1st American Indian Heritage Day in Maryland, November 28, 2008

Tribal Chair Natalie Proctor
Chief Sewell E. Winterhawk Fitzhugh
Chief Rudy Laughing Otter Hall
Tribal Chair Mervin Savoy

Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs
Guy Wells, Kathryn E. Robbins Fitzhugh, David Cullen Holland, Wanda Lee,
Vice Chair Thomas W. Windsor II, Chair Auriel A. Fenwick, Cornelius
Allen Red Deer and Virginia Busby
Delegate Talmadge Branch—House Majority Whip
Keith Colston—Executive Director, Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs
Keith Cox—Director, Native America’s People (NAP), LLC

Chair Auriel A. Fenwick, Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs/Piscataway Conoy Tribe
“Bearclaw”
Secretary of State John McDonough
Keri Locklear
Women’s Fancy Shawl Dance

Louis Campbell
Northern Traditional Dance

Jason Warwick
Men’s Fancy Dance
Ron Warren
Native American Flutist

American Indian Heritage Day Dancers
The Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs (MCIA)

American Indian and Native Alaskan Population - 2005

Estimated by the U.S. Census Bureau

### American Indians and Alaskan Natives (AIAN) 2005 Population Estimates

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MARYLAND INDIGENOUS TRIBES

- **Accohannock Indian Tribe, Inc.**
  Chief Rudy Laughing Otter Hall
  P.O. Box 404
  Marion, Maryland 21838
  410-623-2660
  accohannock@verizon.net

- **Assateague Peoples Tribe**
  Chief Larry Medicine Cat Smack
  P.O. Box 63
  Frankford, Delaware 19945
  mancat732@aol.com

- **Cedarville Band of Piscataway Indians**
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  American Indian Cultural Center
  16816 Country Lane
  Waldorf, Maryland 20601
  piscatawayindianns@yahoo.com
  info@piscatawayindianns.org
  www.piscatawayindianns.org

- **Nause-Waiwash Band of Indians, Inc.**
  Chief Sewell E. Winterhawk Fitzhugh
  2363 Elliott Island Road
  Vienna, Maryland 21869
  chiefwhawk@hotmail.com

- **Piscataway Conoy Confederacy and Sub-Tribes, Inc.**
  Tribal Chair Mervin Savoy
  P.O. Box 1484
  LaPlata, Maryland 20646
  msavoy9836@aol.com

- **Piscataway Indian Nation, Inc.**
  Chief William Red Wing Tayac
  P.O. Box 312
  Port Tobacco, Maryland 20677
  301-932-0808
  redwing60@aol.com
  www.piscatawaynation.org

- **Pocomoke Indian Tribe, Inc.**
  Chief John End of Trail Howard
  88 Sommers Cove Apartments
  Crisfield, Maryland 21917

- **Youghiogheny River Band of Shawnee Indians, Inc.**
  Chief Joseph Neale
  6110 Melvern Drive
  Bethesda, Maryland 20817
  301-530-5281
RESOURCES FOR THE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMUNITY IN MARYLAND, VIRGINIA & WASHINGTON DC

- **American Indian Cultural Center**  
  Brandywine, Maryland  
  The American Indian Cultural Center is an educational non-profit organization which sponsors powwows, socials and other educational activities.

- **American Indian Health Website**  
  Americanindianhealth.nlm.nih.gov  
  The National Library of Medicine, a part of the National Institutes of Health, announced a new website to address the health concerns of the four million Americans who claim American Indian or Alaska Native ancestry.

- **American Indian Heritage Foundation**  
  6051 Arlington Boulevard  
  Falls Church, Virginia  
  703-237-7500  
  202-INDIANS (463-4267)  
  The American Indian Heritage Foundation operates the Miss Indian USA Pageant and funds Native American Indian charitable activities which promote the culture, beliefs and rights of Native American Indians.

- **American Indian Inter-Tribal Cultural Organization, Inc.**  
  Rockville, Maryland  
  301-869-9381  
  The American Indian Inter-Tribal Cultural Organization is an educational non-profit which sponsors powwows, socials and other educational activities.

- **American Indian Society of Washington, DC**  
  P.O. Box 6431  
  Falls Church, Virginia 22040-6431  
  The American Indian Society of Washington DC meets the first Wednesday of the month in Alexandria, Virginia at the St. Clements Church, 7:30 p.m. They sponsor one powwow at the American Indian Cultural Center in Brandywine, Maryland each year, and support fellowship for Native American Indians living in the national capitol area.

- **The Archeological Society of Maryland, Inc. (ASM)**  
  www.marylandarcheology.org  
  The Archeological Society of Maryland, Inc. (ASM) is a statewide organization of lay and professional archeologists devoted to the study and conservation of Maryland archeology. The goals of ASM are:
  ♦ Discovery, investigation and conservation of Maryland’s archeological resources
  ♦ Proper recording of archeological sites
  ♦ Respect for the fragile and non-renewable nature of archeological sites
  ♦ Creation of bond between vocational and professional archeologists
  ♦ Development of opportunities for working with professional archeologists through directed fieldwork, analysis and reporting
Public dissemination of information about Maryland’s buried heritage
Publication of the results of all excavations undertaken by the Society

**The Baltimore American Indian Center**
113 South Broadway
Baltimore, Maryland 21231
410-675-3535
The Baltimore American Indian Center is a non-profit 501(c)(3) tax exempt charity providing social and economical services to American Indians living in Maryland.

**Honor the Circle: The Native American Indian Student Association**
Community College of Baltimore County – Catonsville
800 South Rolling Road
Catonsville, Maryland 21228
410-455-4322 or 410-455-4951
The student association serves and supports Native American Indian students, faculty and staff from tribes all over the US, Canada and Alaska who attend or are employed by Catonsville with course registration, assistance with financial aid forms, college paperwork, employment practices/problems, and social interaction with other Native people. Honor the Circle also co-sponsors powwows with the Baltimore American Indian Center.

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