



Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs

Annual Report
2015

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MESSAGE FROM MARYLAND GOVERNOR LARRY HOGAN
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Dear Friends,

I am pleased to present to you the 2015 Annual Report of the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs (MCIA). This report highlights the accomplishments of the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs over the past year.

Our administration will continue to assist with opportunity for the American Indian community in Maryland this year by making it easier for families and small businesses to stay in Maryland, encouraging more families to live and thrive in our great state. We will also hold each state agency accountable to fiscal responsibility, regulation reform, and initiatives that provide an improved quality of life for our citizens.

I would like to acknowledge the dedicated work of the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs specific to the areas of education, historical site preservation, and cultural competency. This was highlighted during the successful American Indian Heritage Month Kick-Off held in our state capital of Annapolis.

I commend Madam Chair Lisa Savoy and each Commissioner for their leadership, as well as our staff for the excellent work achieved in 2015. I wish the Commission, and the American Indian community, a wonderful 2016 as we continue to change Maryland for the better.

Sincerely,

Larry Hogan
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.

I would like to congratulate the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs and each of the Commissioners that serve as representatives for Governor Hogan and your respected communities. Your work in 2015 has allowed the new administration to gain important knowledge and understanding of the historic contributions and modern day achievements of our American Indian communities.

With your continued perseverance of volunteerism and leadership, the Commission will continue to meet its goals and directives for 2016.

Thank you.

Steve McAdams
Executive Director
Governor's Office of Community Initiatives

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR
MARYLAND COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Dear Colleagues,

It gives me great pleasure to present to you the 2015 Annual Report of the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs. This report presents insight on the accomplishments, challenges, and activities of the Commission during this past year.

The MCIA commitment to supporting American Indians and the Indigenous communities continues in 2016. I am honored to serve as the newly elected Chair for the commission and the incredible commissioners I work with.

This past year, we have focused on our committees, as well as assisting a variety of organizations including state and federal agencies, and our newly elected Governor Larry Hogan.

MCIA reached out during 2015 to mark a year of great change for individuals and entities who have a passion to assist in key areas like education, archaeology, business, and health.

This report presents an overview of the major events MCIA initiated, partnered, or gave assistance to during the year.


On behalf of the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs, I would like to thank all of the commissioners, administrative staff, and the Governor's Office of Community Initiatives for your support.

As Chair, I wish to express our gratitude to Governor Larry Hogan and his administration for their support as we move forward.

Sincerely,

Lisa Savoy
Chair, MCIA
Piscataway Conoy Tribe

COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners		Tribal Affiliation/Heritage	County of Residence
Lisa Savoy, Chair		Piscataway Conoy Tribe	Prince George's County
Ashley Minner, Vice Chair		Lumbee Indian Tribe	Baltimore County
Virginia R. Busby Ph.D.		Historian/Archeologist	Harford County
Rico Newman		Piscataway Conoy Tribe	Prince George's County
Leanora Winters		Piscataway Indian Nation	Calvert County
Robert Killen		Pocomoke-Indian Tribe, Inc.	Howard County
Rebecca Johnson-Stone		Choctaw	Howard County
Robert Gajdys		Mohawk	Calvert County

Administrative Staff

E. Keith Colston

Administrative Director



Agnes M. Smith

Project Coordinator, Governor's Ethnic Commissions



Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs 2015 Meeting Schedule

Date	Location	County
February 2 rd	Department of Budget and Finance	Anne Arundel County
April 6 th	Department of Budget and Finance	Anne Arundel County
June 1 st	Department of Budget and Finance	Anne Arundel County
August 3 rd	Dorchester Center for the Arts	Dorchester County
October 5 th	Accokeek Foundation Education Center	Prince George's County
December 7 st	Herbert O'Connor Building	Baltimore City

Administrative Summary



The Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs (MCIA) began 2015 as a year of transition. MCIA continued its legislative work while introducing the history, achievements and goals with the new administration. Annual events remained in place while added initiatives and partnerships were created. Governor Hogan's message as well as the legislative duties of the Commission working together to produce better outcomes. Each initiative and goal set forth became a measurable result for 2015 and for the future under the new administration. Below are some of the major highlights and events:

- **Commissioners Breakfast** – On February 6th, commissioners had the chance to interaction with various individuals a part of Governor Hogan's administration.
- **Fort Meade Luncheon & Listening Session Rescheduled**– On March 23, Administrative Director Colston attended an event held by Fort Meade military installation. The town hall meeting allow opportunity for dialogue between officials and those in attendance.
- **Baltimore American Indian Center Graduation Ceremony** – On June 26th, The Baltimore American Indian Center held the annual ceremony to award those graduating from various levels of education. BAIC board members, community members and commissioners par took in the celebration.
- **2nd Annual American Indian Heritage Month Kick-off Commemorative Celebration** – On November 2nd, the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs in conjunction with the Governor's Office of Community Initiatives will hosted the event at Miller Senate Office Building, 11 Bladen St. Annapolis, Maryland. The event would be not only the 2nd annual, yet the first for the new administration to assist in celebrating.

The Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs is not limited to major events, yet includes the legislative mandates, bylaws updates, committee recommendations and assistance to the Governor's Office of Community Initiatives where possible. We continue to be a source of information to resources and opportunity.

Commissioners Breakfast – On Friday, February 6th, a morning of introductions filled the room. Newly appointed Executive Director, Steven McAdams opened with congratulatory remarks. Ethnic Community chairs and vice-chairs were invited for a meet and greet. The director and administrative directors accompanied their corresponding commission leaders, as each shared background information on their commissions and themselves. In the room were future partners like Home Depot representatives to strategize how they could be of assistance. Newly appointed Deputy Director Mac Love attended the meeting. Eggspectations in Ellicott City served as the location as a photo opportunity closed out the meeting.



Fort Meade Luncheon & Listening Session Rescheduled– On Monday, March 23rd, Administrative Director Colston accompanied Executive Director McAdams to Fort Meade military installation for an event that encompassed a listening session and town hall meeting. Individuals like Maj. Gen. Jeffrey S. Buchanan, commander of the Military District of Washington and Col. Brian Foley provided comments to all in attendance. The town hall meeting allowed opportunity for participants to gather fact based information with testimony of past experiences. The created an opportunity for questions pertaining to the base and surrounding area. Administrative Director Colston provided information concerning the MCIA and offering support for future events specific to tribal communities and history.



Baltimore American Indian Center Graduation Ceremony – On Friday, June 26th, The Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs assisted the Baltimore American Indian Center (BAIC) with their annual Graduation Ceremony. Individuals from various grade levels to higher education received various gifts, words of encouragement, and certificates on their achievements. Vice-chair Ashley Minner and Commissioner Rico Newman played a significant part in the activities. Administrative Colston assisted by Agnes Smith provided certificates achievement to high school and college graduates. Honor songs were sung and the culturally appropriate items were bestowed upon the recipients. We would like to thank the Governor's Office of Community Initiatives for assisting with refreshments. MCIA would like to thank the community for allowing our participation.



2nd Annual American Indian Heritage Month Kick-off Commemorative Celebration

- On Monday, November 2nd, the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs in conjunction with the Governor's Office of Community Initiatives celebrated the first week of with song and dance representing various tribes throughout Maryland. The occasion was

historic in numerous ways that included newly elected tribal leaders representing the Nause Waiwash Band of Indians of the Eastern Shore to state representatives of Governor Hogan's administration. All gathered at Miller Senate Office Building on 11 Bladen Street in Annapolis. The day began with vendors, Indigenous artists, and informational tables.



The official ceremony began at 11:00 am with a call to order from Administrative Director Colston and remarks by Steve McAdams, Executive Director for the Governor's Office of Community Initiatives. An official welcome from Madam Chair Lisa Savoy. A grand entry of tribal flags and all other flags were brought in with tribal leaders and members behind.

Commissioner Rico Newman gave an innovation in the Piscataway language and a moment of silence in memory of Delegate James Proctor. A proclamation reading assisted by Vice-chair Ashley Minner with all commissioners standing in support. Commissioner Virginia Busby provide acknowledgements on the work of various committees as well as certificates and proclamations given to tribal leaders. Special acknowledgements from Commissioner Leanora Winters with respect to our veterans to remind all of their contributions to our country.

The Piscataway Singers performed an honor song for all recipients of awards with closing



remarks by Administrative Director Colston. Dance exhibitions took place as Native American cuisine was provided to all. MCIA would like to thank all who shared their cultural attire to represent their tribal background during the celebration. MCIA would like to thank the administration for supporting the event and Governor Hogan for proclaiming November as American Indian Heritage Month!



The State of Maryland
Proclamation
From the Governor of the State of Maryland
AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH
NOVEMBER 2015

- WHEREAS,** the abundance of the American Indian in the State of Maryland is immense, stretching from the beautiful mountains to the shores of the Chesapeake Bay and beyond; and
- WHEREAS,** Many of our trails, forest, streams, rivers, islands, towns and historical landmarks bear ties to our Indigenous Tribes/Bands/Clans/Groups of Indians; and
- WHEREAS,** throughout the past three decades the humbled members of the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs have demonstrated a steadfast commitment in their endeavors to edify the public toward a better understanding of the American Indian people of the State of Maryland, and worked faithfully to assist with the historic recognition of the Piscataway People
- WHEREAS,** Maryland is pleased to designate the month of November as American Indian Heritage Month and all Marylanders are encouraged to join in this special celebration as we congratulate the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs on its outstanding service and leadership.
- WHEREAS,** we celebrate the passage of 2014 HB40, that designate November as one of the commemorative months in the State of Maryland.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LARRY HOGAN, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim November 2015 as AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH in Maryland and do commend this observance to all of our citizens.

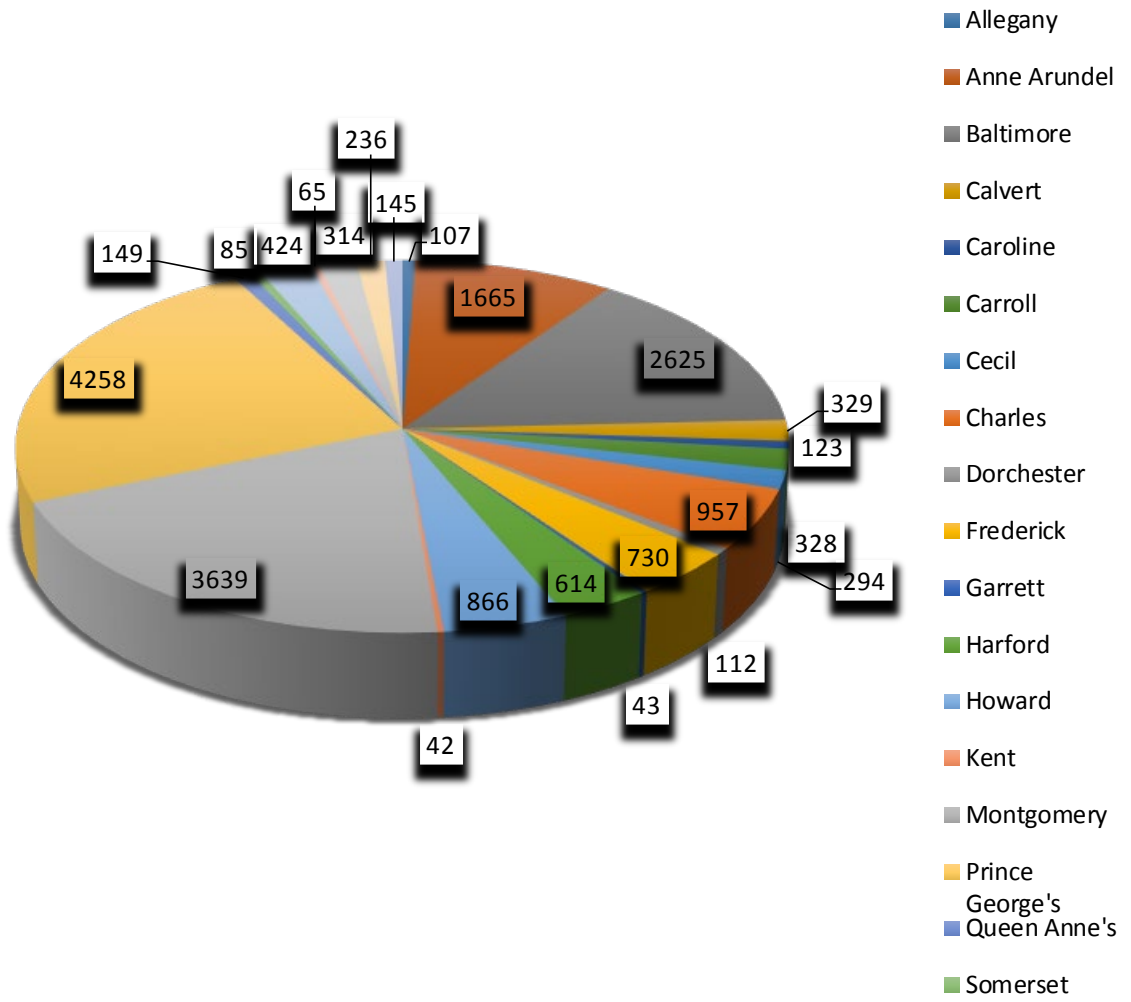
GIVEN Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,
This 1st day of November
Two Thousand and Fifteen

Table 17. American Indian or Alaska Native Alone or In Combination with One or More Other Races in Maryland by Jurisdiction, 2010

	All races	American Indian	% of jurisdiction that is Am-Indian	% of Maryland Am-Indian Pop that lives in the Jurisdiction
MARYLAND	5,773,552	58,657	1.02%	100.00%
NORTHWEST AREA	485,999	3,681	0.76%	6.28%
GARRETT	30,097	141	0.47%	0.24%
ALLEGANY	75,087	406	0.54%	0.69%
WASHINGTON	147,430	1,120	0.76%	1.91%
FREDERICK	233,385	2,014	0.86%	3.43%
BALTIMORE METRO AREA	2,662,691	25,131	0.94%	42.84%
BALTIMORE CITY	620,961	6,441	1.04%	10.98%
BALTIMORE	805,029	7,395	0.92%	12.61%
ANNE ARUNDEL	537,656	5,347	0.99%	9.12%
CARROLL	167,134	973	0.58%	1.66%
HOWARD	287,085	2,887	1.01%	4.92%
HARFORD	244,826	2,088	0.85%	3.56%
NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA	1,835,197	21,175	1.15%	36.10%
MONTGOMERY	971,777	9,613	0.99%	16.39%
PRINCE GEORGE'S	863,420	11,562	1.34%	19.71%
SOUTHERN AREA	340,439	4,982	1.46%	8.49%
CALVERT	88,737	1,068	1.20%	1.82%
CHARLES	146,551	2,683	1.83%	4.57%
ST MARY'S	105,151	1,231	1.17%	2.10%
EASTERN SHORE AREA	449,226	3,688	0.82%	6.29%
CECIL	101,108	936	0.93%	1.60%
KENT	20,197	136	0.67%	0.23%
QUEEN ANNE'S	47,798	350	0.73%	0.60%
CAROLINE	33,066	330	1.00%	0.56%
TALBOT	37,782	213	0.56%	0.36%
DORCHESTER	32,618	315	0.97%	0.54%
WICOMICO	98,733	761	0.77%	1.30%
SOMERSET	26,470	240	0.91%	0.41%
WORCESTER	51,454	407	0.79%	0.69%

Source: 2010 Census Demographic Profiles, Department of Planning, Projections and Data Analysis/State Data Center, May 2011[1]

Maryland American Indian Population by County



MARYLAND INDIAN STATUS

- ❖ Piscataway Conoy Tribe (MARYLAND INDIAN STATUS –Enrolled members of the Piscataway-Conoy Tribe (PCT))
Tribal Chair Mervin Savoy
P.O. Box 1484
LaPlata, Maryland 20646
Msavoy9836@aol.com
- ❖ Piscataway Indian Nation (MARYLAND INDIAN STATUS – Enrolled members of the Piscataway Indian Nation (PIN))
Chief Billy “Red Wing” Tayac
P.O. Box 312
Port Tobacco, Maryland 20677
301-932-0808
www.piscatawaynation.org

American Indian Organizations

- ❖ Maryland Indian Tourism Association (MITA)
Appointed Speaker Rico Newman – Choptico Band of Piscataway (Maryland Indian Status) Enrolled member of the Piscataway Conoy Tribe
3953 Pine Cone Circle
Waldorf, Maryland 20602
301-744-9553
- ❖ Cedarville Band of Piscataway Indian, Inc.
Tribal Chairwoman Natalie “Standing on the rock” Proctor (Maryland Indian Status) Enrolled member of the Piscataway Conoy Tribe
American Indian Cultural Center
16816 Country Lane
Waldorf, Maryland 20601
[240-640-7213](tel:240-640-7213)
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piscatawayindians@gmail.com
- ❖ Baltimore American Indian Center – State Recognized Tribe (North Carolina)
Board Chair – Linda Cox
113 South Broadway
Baltimore, Maryland 21231
410-675-3535
BAIC.org
- ❖ Native American Lifelines Baltimore
Chairman – Robert L. Locklear
106 West Clay Street
Baltimore, MD 21201
410-837-2258
410-837-2692 fax
help@nativelifelines.org

Indigenous Tribal communities and supporting non-profit organizations

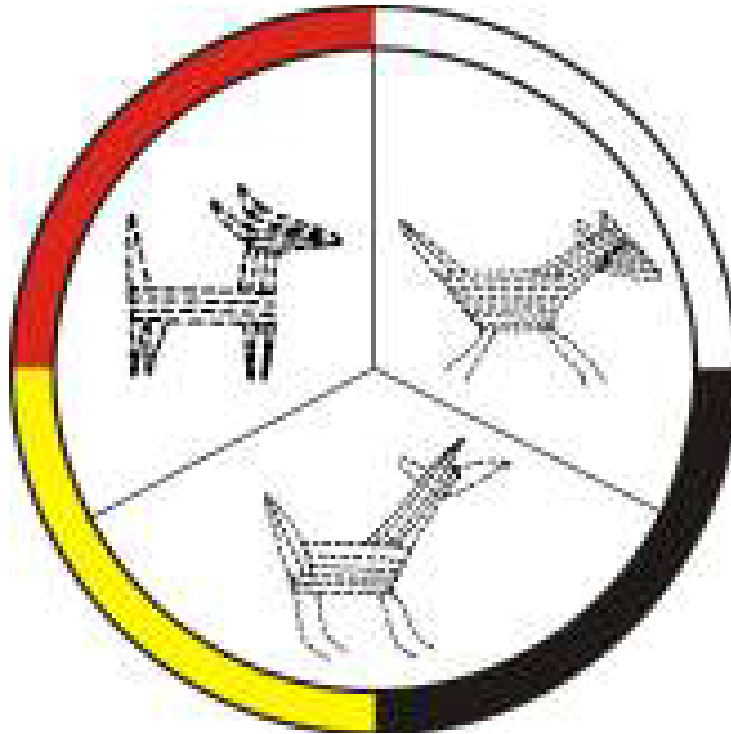
Accohannock Indian Tribe, Inc.
Chief Rudy "Laughing Otter" Hall
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Marion, Maryland 21838
410-623-2660
Accohannock@verizon.net

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Paramount Chief Norris Howard, Sr.
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quindocqua@aol.com



The Meaning of the Logo

THE SYMBOLS OF THE MARYLAND COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS LOGO ARE REPRESENTATIONS OF HISTORICAL FINDINGS, CULTURAL IDEOLOGY AND UNITY. THREE ANCIENT DRAWINGS FOUND IN MARYLAND, REPRESENT THE FIRST INDIGENOUS PEOPLES OF THE STATE. THE FOUR COLORS REPRESENT THE FOUR DIRECTIONS (NORTH, SOUTH, EAST AND WEST) TRADITIONAL TO AMERICAN INDIANS AND THE "CIRCLE" THAT CONNECTS US ALL.

Mission Statement

The Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs works to serve as a statewide clearinghouse for information, to identify unmet social and economic needs in the native community, to support government education programs for American Indian youth, to provide support in the process of obtaining Recognition of State and Federal Indian Status, and to promote the awareness and understanding of historical and contemporary American Indian contributions in Maryland.