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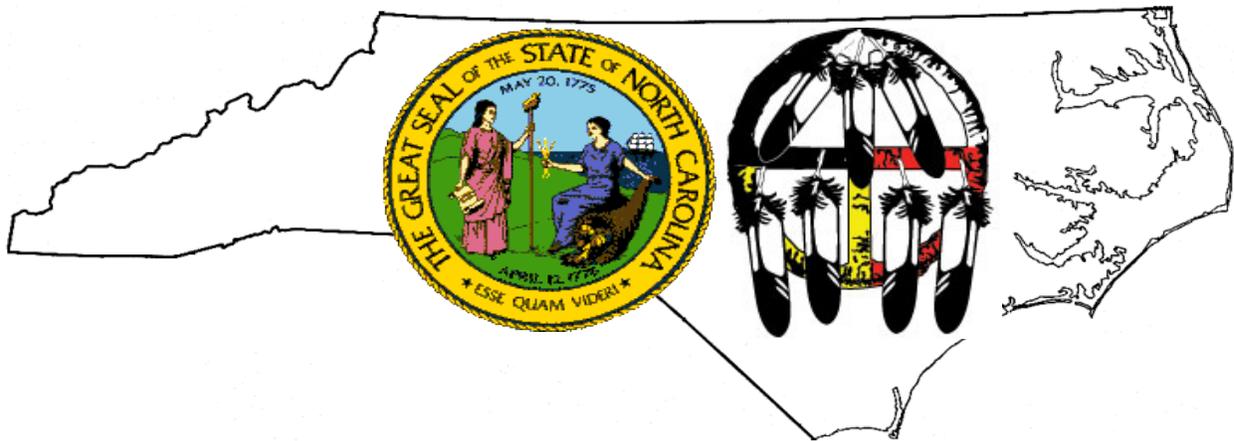
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TRIANGLE NATIVE AMERICAN SOCIETY

2006 - 2007 ANNUAL REPORT

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Greetings from the Greg Richardson, Executive Director
Commission of Indian Affairs

The Annual Report from the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs provides a description of the Commission programs and an explanation of activities for the previous year. During this recurring process, it is a privilege to reflect upon our past endeavors as we face future horizons and pledge to become even more effective in our mission to advocate for the American Indian population in North Carolina.

With the support of The Honorable Michael F. Easley, Governor of North Carolina, Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Administration, Britt Cobb, the North Carolina General Assembly, our distinguished Commission Members, and the citizens of this State, we will remain steadfast in our objective and build upon the accomplishments that have been made. We accept the challenges that lie ahead, and we are committed to introducing and promoting tools to achieve a better quality of life for the citizens whom we represent.

The Commission of Indian Affairs seeks to provide a unified voice for all of the American Indian tribes in North Carolina. This report contains the Commission mission statement, purposes, statutory duties, and goals, and these are both the regulations and principles which guide our efforts for the Commission. As we face another year with enthusiasm and determination, we invite your continuing interest in all that we do.

Most sincerely,

Gregory A. Richardson

HISTORY AND PURPOSE

The North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs was created in 1971 by the North Carolina General Assembly in response to the requests of concerned Indian citizens from across the state. The commission was established pursuant to North Carolina General Statute's 143B-404 through 143B-411. Specifically, the commission was created to:

- ◆ Deal fairly and effectively with Indian affairs
- ◆ Bring local, state and federal resources into focus for the implementation or continuation of meaningful programs for the state's Indian citizens
- ◆ Provide aid and protection for Indians as needs are demonstrated
- ◆ Assist Indian communities in social and economic development
- ◆ Promote recognition of and the right of Indians to pursue their cultural and religious traditions

The commission has eight statutory duties outlined in its enabling legislation as follows:

- ◆ Study, consider, accumulate, compile, assemble and disseminate information on Indian affairs
- ◆ Investigate relief needs of Indians and assist in preparation of plans for the alleviation of such needs
- ◆ Confer with appropriate officials of local, state and federal governments
- ◆ Review all legislation concerning Indians
- ◆ Conduct public hearings on matters relating to Indian affairs and subpoena any information deemed necessary
- ◆ Study the existing status of recognition of all Indian groups, tribes and communities
- ◆ Establish appropriate procedures for legal recognition by the state and provide for official recognition
- ◆ Initiate procedures for recognition by the federal government

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs is to instill a positive vision for American Indians through preserving cultural identity by promoting and advocating the rights, beliefs and opportunities which impact quality of life.

GOALS

- ◆ Increase and maximize educational opportunities for American Indians in North Carolina.
- ◆ Increase the economic self-sufficiency of American Indians in North Carolina and maximize Indian economic development initiatives.
- ◆ Achieve parity in employment for Indians of North Carolina.
- ◆ Improve the health status of American Indians in North Carolina.
- ◆ Increase the public awareness of American Indians.
- ◆ Provide for the state and/or federal recognition of North Carolina Indian tribes.
- ◆ Promote recognition of and the right of Indians to pursue cultural and religious traditions considered by them to be sacred and meaningful and to promote public understanding and appreciation of Indian culture.

The membership of the commission is composed of 19 representatives from 12 North Carolina Indian tribes and/or organizations, five state officials and an appointee of both the speaker of the N.C. House of Representatives and the lieutenant governor. Ex-officio members include representatives from two statewide youth organizations, the North Carolina Native American Youth Organization (NCNAYO) and the North Carolina Native American Council on Higher Education (NCNACOHE).

The commission operates under the direction and supervision of the North Carolina Department of Administration pursuant to G.S. 143A - 6(b) and (c) and is one of seven advocacy agencies currently housed within the department. The commission employs an executive director to carry out the day-to-day responsibilities and business of the commission. The executive director serves at the pleasure of the commission membership and is subject to legislative or other funds that would accrue to the commission. The executive director is empowered to hire additional staff and consultants to assist in the discharge of his responsibilities, as determined by the commission, in accordance with the administrative, budget and management policies of the North Carolina Department of Administration. Additionally, the executive director performs all other administrative duties under the guidance of the secretary of the North Carolina Department of Administration, with respect to state regulations, statutes and general government policy.

In the performance of its duties, the commission held four quarterly meetings in SFY 2005-2006. These meetings were held on September 2005, December 2005, March 2006, and June 2006. The quarterly meetings were held for the purpose of addressing issues of concern to the Indian citizens of North Carolina, the development of policies and/or programs necessary to alleviate the social and economic problems of the state's American Indian population, and the review of commission service program activities. Reports were also heard from the commission's standing committees (see Appendix 2)

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

In 1971, the commission received its first appropriation of \$12,500 from the North Carolina General Assembly. Since that time, state support has been expanded and federal funding of service programs has been secured.

Commission staff administers programs and delivers services. The staff conducts other major activities and initiatives as well as those required by General Statutes. The majority of the staff administers programs and services supported by federal grants. State funds supported seven staff positions including the executive director, two clerical positions, three community developers and an economic developer.

Descriptions of the activities, services and programs sponsored by the commission during SFY 2006-2007 follow:

NORTH CAROLINA COMMISSION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS FUNDING SUMMARY 2006-2007

TITLE	APPROPRIATION S	OTHER REVENUES	NC GRANT REVENUES	FEDERAL GRANT REVENUES
COMM OF INDIAN AFFAIRS	\$ 592,510.00			
INDIAN TALENT SEARCH				\$ 244,054.94
DUD SECTION 8				\$ 3,320,519.00
US DOL WIA SECTION 166				\$ 181,789.00
STRATEGIC PLANNING				
ACTION PARTNERSHIP			\$ 27,723.00	
COMMUNITY SERVICES		\$ 10,416.00	\$ 197,687.08	
SUBSTANCE ABUSE				
ENERGY ASSISTANCE			\$ 37,915.80	
PUBLIC HEALTH			\$ 337.05	
AMERICAN INDIAN PHILANTHROPY				
NCJW&TF			\$ 68,884.70	
W.VA.UNI. TOBACCO				
Totals	\$ 592,510.00	\$ 10,416.00	\$ 332,547.63	\$ 3,746,362.94

COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM

The Community Services Program (CS) focuses on American Indian seniors. It continues to evolve into a very active and successful program for the Commission. The program carries out other components that are described below. The seniors are gearing up for showcasing their quilts and participating in the annual senior games competition. They enjoy activities recommended by the North Carolina Division of Aging and actively participate in the Annual Senior Citizens Conference each year. They receive ongoing nutrition and lifestyle behavior education from community health departments and other organizations that work with senior citizens.

Volunteer transportation: Transportation continues to be a challenge for each field office to recruit volunteer drivers to transport seniors to physicians, drug and food stores due to high gas prices. The community developers will continue to look for ways to access other transportation services in the counties. Coordinating these services through county systems is challenging due to seniors living in rural areas that are outside the boundaries. The cost of other commercial transportation far exceeds budget allocations making it difficult for Community Services to pay for these services.

In-home aide: The Department of Administration Human Resource Office has approved the Commission's request to make our in-home aide positions permanent part-time employees. This action will eliminate the Commission from having to rotate employees off schedule for one month due to a legislative that was passed a year ago. We are asking communities and in-home aide workers to help identify individuals who may become a floater when in-home aide workers are on vacation or out on sick leave. These individuals will receive the same training as the in-home aide worker. As soon as a client is taken off of the program another client is certified by DSS to fill the vacancy. The program continues to have a waiting list of clients who have been certified to receive these services.

Low Energy Assistance: Low energy as well as weatherization continues to be a needed resource. This program receives tremendous response from community members and a great number of our low income citizens have benefited from weatherization and low energy assistance. The Department of Social Services has been a tremendous help to tribes in providing these services as well as helping clients fill out applications for certification. The field staff has done a tremendous job in providing education and conducting outreach activities in the communities to inform the citizens about the services provided by Community Service Program.

Tobacco Prevention and Cessation for American Indian Youth: This is a successful program for American Indian youth. The tobacco team provides technical assistance to local community youth programs focusing on tobacco prevention and secondhand smoke policies in their community. American Indian youth are spreading awareness about the harmful effects and health risk factors associated with tobacco addiction. In 2008 youth will again post signs through out the powwow grounds to not smoke in or around the sacred circle. Over the course of three days they will have seen and contacted over 1000 youth. They also are in the active stages of recruiting more youth for their program as their efforts are increasing with more interest from the community. The staff team is currently working with the NC QUIT LINE to create a more culturally appropriate brochure to hand out in communities where American Indians will more likely read and follow the plans for quitting. The program is in the final stages of planning for a first ever youth conference to target youth leaders to help increase their advocacy skills. The conference will work in collaboration with the education talent search program and the TRIO youth group. The planning is for an all day conference in Fayetteville NC. The staff is helping tribes and organizations to implement their Annual Action Plans for year 07-08.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The Economic Development Program provides the following services:

- Information and referral assistance to the states' American Indian tribes and organizations in the development of economic opportunities upon request
- Information and referral assistance to Indian citizens in the development, improvement and/or expansion of businesses upon request
- Assisting in the development of economic development enterprises for the state's American Indian population such as the North Carolina Indian Economic Development Initiative.

Supporting Our Native Students (SONS) Program

Education is the key to wealth and prosperity and with this goal in mind; the commission continues to administer the SONS Program in 2006-2007. The goal of the program is to provide an educational opportunity for American Indians whose educational and socio-economic backgrounds might otherwise prevent them from successfully attending and succeeding in college.

The SONS Program is a college educational access and retention program. The purpose of the program is to identify qualified American Indian students enrolled in an accredited Community College or University and assist them in pursuit of their educational goals. Students are required to complete an application process, meet income eligibility requirements, maintain a minimum grade point average and be an enrolled member of a North Carolina state-recognized tribe. The program is funded through the Community Development Block Grant (CSBG). A total of 38 students were determined eligible and 13 students graduated during this fiscal year.

The Economic Development Director is responsible for producing the Commission's newsletter, Indian Time and assists with grant writing activities at the Commission. She also serves as staff support to the commission's Economic Development and Employment Committee, Culture and Religion Committee and the North Carolina Indian Senior Citizens Coalition.

EDUCATIONAL TALENT SEARCH PROGRAM

The Educational Talent Search (ETS) Program provides one-on-one educational and career counseling to Indian youth ages 11 to 27 in the counties of Columbus, Halifax, Hoke, Sampson and Warren. Program guidelines require that two-thirds of the program's participants be first generation college and come from families with low incomes. High dropout rates, low competency test scores and high unemployment rates are all characteristics of the Indian population in the program's target counties.

Talent Search staff made visits to schools in each target county and presented programs designed to help students improve their academic performance, enhance their self-esteem, broaden their career awareness and understand financial aid. Study skills improvement workshops were conducted in each of the program's target counties and high school students in each county had the opportunity to participate in workshops designed to teach test-taking skills for pre-college admission tests such as the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT).

The program sponsored tours of the University of North Carolina at Pembroke, the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, North Carolina State University and East Carolina University. During the tours, students met with representatives of each institution's admissions and financial aid offices to discuss enrollment requirements and campus life.

Financial aid workshops were conducted in each tribal community in February and March for juniors and seniors along with their parents. The purpose of the workshops was to inform students and parents about the different types of financial aid available and how to apply for federal aid. Counselors assisted parents in the completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The workshops were well attended.

Students from all counties were afforded the opportunity to attend numerous cultural events. Forty students attended a two-day Leadership Development Conference sponsored by the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina. Twelve students attended the Youth Legislative Assembly and were afforded the opportunity to act as a state representative, debate and vote in a mock legislation session.

A College Survival Skills Workshop was provided for ETS students who new high school graduates were planning to attend college in the fall. The workshop was conducted during a trip to Cherokee, NC and Gatlinburg, TN. While in Cherokee, students were guests at "Unto These Hills" outdoor drama and toured the Oconaluftee Indian Village. The workshop focused on providing information to ensure a successful transition from high school into college life, a round table discussion of expectations and fears about college life and featured a discussion of the freshman year by current college students.

A High School Survival Skills Workshop was provided for ETS students who had completed the eighth grade and were promoted to high school. The workshop was held on the UNC Charlotte campus and was attended by 60 rising 9th graders who learned different study strategies, how to take notes and how to "survive and thrive" in high school. Upon the completion of the workshop, the students were treated to a day visit to Carowinds Amusement Park and visits to the Lowes Motor Speedway and Hendricks Motor Sports facility in Charlotte.

The program director is the adult adviser to the North Carolina Native American Youth Organization (NCNAYO) and coordinates their annual conference, which was attended by 250 youth on the campus of the Methodist University in Fayetteville, NC. Approximately 300 Indian youth and adults attended the four-day conference. Highlights included general assembly sessions, "words of wisdom from the council of elders," workshops, princess pageant, powwow, awards banquet, social dance and recreational activities.

Educational Talent Search Program is funded by the U.S. Department of Education and is staffed by a project director, three counselors and one secretary. The program served a total of 659 participants during the year.

AMERICAN INDIAN WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The commission's employment and training program funded under Title I, Section 166 of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) provides job training and employment opportunities to unemployed, underemployed, and low-income American Indians in North Carolina. In State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2006-2007, the program service area was 59 of the 100 counties of the state. Six North Carolina Indian tribes or urban center

organizations designated as Indian WIA grantees by the U.S. Department of Labor served the remaining 41 counties. The program served 61 participants in SFY 2006-2007.

Skills Training

This component emphasized vocational training for the program's target population. There are 59 community colleges in the state. Each community college designs its own areas of vocational training based on the needs and employment opportunities of the area served. The choice of vocational training is left to the individual participants with the guidance and approval of program staff and community college guidance counselors.

Adult Work Experience

Many of the program's applicants lack a high school diploma. Under the Adult Work Experience component, participants with a high school diploma were placed in 40-hour-per-week work experience slots. Those Adult Work Experience participants without high school diplomas were placed in 25-hour-per-week work experience slots and attended adult basic education classes 15 hours per week. The majority of Adult Work Experience participants continued in the WIA program by enrolling in the Skills Training component.

The WIA Director also serves as staff support to the commission's Economic Development and Employment Committee. A director and two manpower developers staffed the WIA program in SFY 2006-2007.

HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) designated the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs as a public housing agency (PHA) in 1976. This designation gave the commission authority to provide rent assistance through the operation of a Section 8 Housing Assistance Program to eligible Indian and non Indian families through Annual Contributions Contracts with HUD. The purpose of the Section 8 Housing Assistance Program is to provide safe, decent, sanitary housing for eligible families regardless of race, religion or political affiliation. Program funds are used to subsidize the difference between the cost of rent and a maximum of 30 percent of the household's adjusted gross income. Currently the program has ACCs for 1 "Choice Voucher" project. To be eligible to receive Housing Choice Voucher assistance the gross income of a family must fall within established HUD guidelines.

Program Components

The *Voucher Component* is currently funded to support up to 936 families. Voucher contracts allow the program to pay up to the fair market rent for a rental unit. Under the "Choice Voucher" Program the family must pay their portion of the rent as outlined in the program contract with the landlord.

Service Area

The commission provides rent assistance in the counties of Granville, Hoke, Person, Sampson and Warren. The also provides rent assistance in Columbus and Halifax counties through a special agreement with local Public Housing Agencies (PHA's)

The program was administered by a director, three housing inspectors and three clerical support staff SFY 2006-2007.

STATE RECOGNITION

The Commission has administered state recognition procedures since 1976, under N.C.G.S. 143B-406, as provided for under Chapter 15 of the North Carolina Administrative Code. A twelve-member Recognition Committee oversees the process. The committee is composed of representatives of the state and federally recognized Indian tribes and urban Indian organizations holding membership on the commission. The most recent tribes recognized by the commission are: the Meherrin Indian Tribe – 1986; and the Triangle Native American Society, Inc. (an urban Indian center organization) – March 2000. The Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation was recognized February 2002 by Orange County Superior Court Order, issued in accordance with a decision rendered by the North Carolina Court of Appeals, granting legal recognition of the Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation.

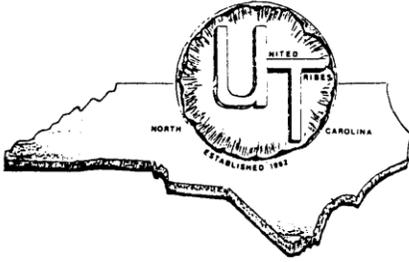
The rules which govern the process for state recognition of American Indian tribes may be found at the following website: <http://www.doa.state.nc.us/cia/documents/CIA-LegRecogAmericanIndiaGroups.pdf> . The N.C. Rules Review Commission approves all administrative rules for state agencies as required by the N.C. Office of Administrative Hearings and in accordance with the N.C. Administrative Procedures Act. The tribal recognition procedures were established as administrative rules in November 1976, and amended by the Commission of Indian Affairs in 1988, 1999, and February 2006.

In SFY 2006-2007 the commission continued the recognition process with the group called “The Southern Band Tuscarora Indian Tribe,” who voluntarily withdrew from the petition process in April 2007. Other groups that have notified the commission of their intent to petition for recognition as an American Indian tribe are, in the order the notices were received: “Coree Indian Tribe;” “Tuscarora East of the Mountains;” “Tuscarora Nation of North Carolina, Inc.,” and the “Nuluti Equani Ehi Tribe.”

CONFERENCES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Each year the commission co-sponsors many activities and events in collaboration with tribes and organizations. Additionally, the commission provides staff support for Indian conferences, workshops and other special events.

NORTH CAROLINA INDIAN UNITY CONFERENCE



The 31st Annual North Carolina Indian Unity Conference was held in Raleigh, North Carolina, March 2007. United Tribes of North Carolina sponsored the conference, in collaboration with the commission and tribes and organizations. The conference attracted over 400 participants. Commission staff coordinated various conference activities such as the exhibition and conference facilities; served as facilitators, moderators, recorders and/or speakers at various workshops and general assemblies; assisted with conference registration; and supervised conference security.

NORTH CAROLINA INDIAN YOUTH UNITY CONFERENCE

“Painting Our Future with the Colors of The Past” was the theme of the 28th Annual North Carolina Indian Youth Unity Conference held June 13 – 16, 2007 at Methodist University in Fayetteville, North Carolina. Co-sponsored by the North Carolina Native American Youth Organization (NCNAYO and the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs’ Educational Talent Search Program, this event was attended by over 325 Indian youth and adults representing Indian tribes and organizations from across the state of North Carolina. The highlights of the conference included a powwow, Mister and Miss NCNAYO pageants, talent show, basketball tournament, an awards banquet, and art and essay contests. Two \$500 college scholarships were awarded to graduating seniors at the conference. Additionally, the North Carolina American Indian Fund presented seven \$500 college scholarships during the conference.

INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH

The Honorable Governor Michael F. Easley proclaimed the month of November as American Indian Heritage Month in North Carolina by an official proclamation during the fiscal year. The 2007 American Indian Heritage Month celebration was held in conjunction with the annual American Indian heritage celebration at the North Carolina Museum of History. United Tribes of North Carolina commissioned a poster for American Indian Heritage Month and the commission coordinated numerous activities associated with American Indian Heritage Month.

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NORTH CAROLINA INDIAN SENIOR CITIZENS CONFERENCE

The 26th Annual North Carolina Indian Senior Citizens Coalition Conference “Aging Gracefully” was held on November 3, 2006 at the Holiday Inn Bordeaux, Fayetteville, North Carolina.

Highlights of the event included Guest Speaker, Scott Hagwood. Scott is the four time National Memory Champion and is the first and only American Grandmaster of Memory. With appearances on Good Morning America, the CBS Early Show, NBC’s Today Show, CNN, the Ellen DeGeneres Show, the Discovery Channel, and in print media such as People Magazine, Sports Illustrated, and the Farmer’s Almanac, Scott has received national acclaim for his record-breaking memory. Learn how you can improve your “Memory Power – America’s Grandmaster Shows You How.”

Approximately 250 seniors took part in workshops focusing on health, nutrition, physical fitness and personal safety. There was also a quilt exhibit, vendors and a highlight of the evening was the banquet and pageant.

NORTH CAROLINA INDIAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (NCIEDI)

The NC Indian Economic Initiative (NCIEDI) is a 501 C-3 corporation established in 2001 by a Commission Task Force. The NCIEDI was an outgrowth of the Commission’s Year 2000 Strategic Plan and was developed for the purpose of addressing Indian Economic Development issues, to provide direct services such a business assistance, business planning, financial guidance etc. Their offices are located in Fayetteville, North Carolina.

NORTH CAROLINA AMERICAN INDIAN FUND INITIATIVE

The North Carolina American Indian Fund Initiative is a collaborative effort between the Commission and Indian tribes and organizations in North Carolina. The fund was established because the resources for meeting the human and economic needs of Indian communities are very limited. Additionally, the creation of the fund is in response to the need for dedicated funding for scholarships, funding for health, human services, education and tribal organizational infrastructure programs. The Triangle Community Foundation, located in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, manages the American Indian Fund. The Warner Foundation provided funding for the development of the Fund.

NORTH CAROLINA AMERICAN INDIAN HEALTH INITIATIVE:

NC Health & Wellness Trust Fund Commission (NCHWTFC) American Indian Youth Smoking Cessation Program

The American Indian Health Initiative continued to evolve. As a result of health education around diabetes and other chronic diseases, many Indian churches have implemented health related initiatives such as walking and lifestyle behavior modification. American Indians are smoking less and eating more fruits, vegetables and watching their diets more closely.

The NCHWTFC awarded Tobacco Settlement funds to the NC Commission of Indian Affairs for the purpose of carrying out a teen tobacco anti-smoking cessations program in Indian communities of the state. The Initiative also involves a partnership with Indian Churches through two American Indian Church Associations “the Burnt Swamp Association and the Methodist Cooperative Ministry.” These partnerships are community based and

have a capacity to assist the Commission with the implementation of these programs. The program provides an opportunity for the commission to educate tribal members about the risk factors associated with smoking, it educates the Indian community about how to advocate for smoke free policies at cultural activities, tribal buildings, tribal grounds etc. The Commission provides technical assistance to tribes and organizations regarding the development of anti-smoking policies. During this fiscal year, the commission found that a great majority of Indian cultural activities, churches events and cultural activities held became smoke free.

University of West Virginia

Not On Tobacco Program – AI “Hope and Honor”

The Hope and Honor program is funded by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) for a period of three years, through an American Legacy Foundation grant to the University of West Virginia. The commission partnered with the University of West Virginia and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to develop an American Indian Youth Anti-Smoking model, which has come to be a National Model. The National Model has been by Indian tribes and Indian Organizations in other states. The University continues to publish research articles based on the information collected during this effort.

APPENDIX

**North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs
SFY2006-2007**

Officers

*Paul Brooks, Chairman
Earlene Stacks, Vice Chairman
Lila Spaulding, Secretary/Treasurer*

Members

STATE OFFICIALS

State Officials serve on the Commission by virtue of their elected or appointed position in state government (NCGS 143)

North Carolina Department of Administration
Secretary Britt Cobb
Designee: McKinley Wooten

North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
Secretary Carmen Hooker Odom
Designee: Jan Lowery

North Carolina Department of Environment, Health and
Natural Resources
Secretary William G. Ross, Jr.
Designee: Alex Marks

North Carolina Department of Labor
Commissioner Cherie Berry

Employment Security Commission
Harry Payne, Chairman
Designee: Patrice Fields

President Pro Tem Appointee
Paul Brooks

Speaker of the House Appointee
Ray Littleturtle

AMERICAN INDIAN REPRESENTATIVES

American Indian members are elected to the Commission by tribal or community consent (NCGS 143)

Coharie Intra-Tribal Council

Isabell Freeman Elliott
Gene Faircloth

Cumberland County Association for Indian People

Barbara Melvin
Roy Maynor

Eastern Band of Cherokee

Patrick Lambert
Vacant (1)

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Nora Dial Stanley
Ruth Revels

Haliwa Saponi Indian Tribe

Barry Richardson
Ruth Ealing

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Shelia Wilson

Lumbee Indian Tribe

Furnie Lambert
J. Garth Locklear
Larece Hunt

Meherrin Indian Tribe

Douglas Patterson

Metrolina Native American Association

Patrick Clark
Earlene Stacks

Waccamaw-Siouan Indian Tribe

Elton Ray Jacobs
Lila Spaulding

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

North Carolina Native American Youth Organization
Elizabeth Lynch, Chair

North Carolina Native American Council on Higher
Education
Brandi Brooks

North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs

QUARTERLY MEETINGS

September 8, 2006	Raleigh, NC
December 1, 2006	Raleigh, NC
March 15, 2006	Held in conjunction with the NC Indian Unity Conference Raleigh, NC
June 1, 2007	Raleigh, NC

STANDING COMMITTEES
North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs

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