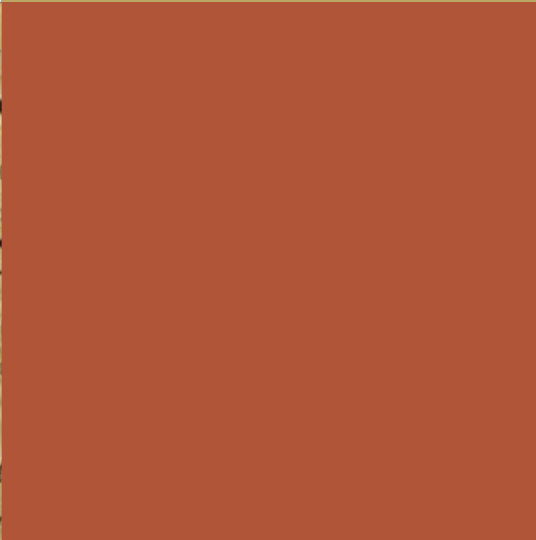


# NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE



This museum will tell the story of *all* Americans from the very first to the present.



# A Stunning Architectural Design for Washington, DC

At the south end of L'Enfant Plaza with your back to the National Mall, this is what a vision of the National Museum of the American People looks like at the Banneker Overlook site. Design concept by MTF Architecture.



## COALITION FOR THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

# AMERICAN PEOPLE



113TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

## H. CON. RES. ##

Supporting the formation of a bipartisan Presidential Commission to study the establishment of a National Museum of the American People.

Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
- 2 *concurring),* That Congress supports the establishment of
- 3 a bipartisan Presidential Commission to study the estab-
- 4 lishment of a National Museum of the American People
- 5 to tell the immigration and migration stories of all people
- 6 in the United States.

To read the entire two-page resolution, visit [www.nmap2015.com/H\\_Con\\_Res\\_63.pdf](http://www.nmap2015.com/H_Con_Res_63.pdf)

## The New York Times

July 6, 2011,

Congressman Supports Melting-Pot Museum

## The Washington Post

July 7, 2011

Lawmakers want immigration museum in D.C.

*For we know that our patchwork heritage is a strength, not a weakness... We are shaped by every language and culture, drawn from every end of this Earth.*  
— Barack Obama

## WHY OUR NATION NEEDS THIS MUSEUM

Americans need the National Museum of the American People because:

1. The museum will embody our original national motto: E Pluribus Unum (From Many We are One!);
2. The museum will tell who "We the People" are;
3. Our nation was built by peoples from every land; it became the world's economic, military, scientific, and cultural leader;
4. It would be America's only national institution to exclusively tell the full story of the making of the American People; it belongs in our capital;
5. The museum will celebrate all of the peoples who came; their stories are compelling;
6. The museum has support of more than 150 ethnic organizations, one of the most diverse coalitions assembled;
7. It will foster a sense of belonging to the nation and contribute to our national identity;
8. Canada and Mexico have museums in their capitals like this; they are the most visited museums in those nations;
9. People from every American ethnic and minority group will visit the museum to learn their own story and will learn about all of the others;
10. Foreign visitors will learn how natives from their nations became Americans and contributed to our nation;
11. The museum will be a destination for school groups visiting Washington; it will foster learning nationwide;
12. The museum could become a pilgrimage destination;
13. The museum would be a resource for state, local and ethnic museums throughout the nation;
14. No federal tax money is planned to design and build the museum;
15. The museum has bipartisan support.

# AMERICAN PEOPLE

## Support a Congressional Resolution Calling For a Presidential Study Commission For the National Museum of the American People

### THE MUSEUM

#### MUSEUM MISSION

It will tell the story of all of the American People from prehistoric times to the present and advance and disseminate knowledge of that story.

#### MUSEUM FOCUS

For all groups who became Americans, the museum will tell:

- who they were
- where they came from
- when they came
- why they left their homeland
- how they got here
- where they first settled
- who was already here
- what they encountered
- where they moved after they arrived
- how they became Americans
- how they transformed our nation.

#### MUSEUM'S STORY

The museum's story will be told in four chapters:

- I First Peoples Come (prehistoric period – 1607);
- II The Nation Takes Form (1607 – 1820);
- III The Great In-Gathering (1820 – 1924);
- IV And Still They Come (1924 – present).

*New Americans are not to be feared as strangers. They are to be welcomed as neighbors.*  
— George W. Bush

#### MUSEUM SITES

There are five sites near the National Mall in Washington, DC designated for future museums.

#### TIMELINE

If the study commission is created during the 113th Congress, the museum could open in 2020.



#### MUSEUM COMPONENTS

Permanent Exhibition telling the story of the American People

- national genealogical center
- Center for the Advanced Studies of the American People
- educational resource center
- special exhibitions
- collections
- traveling exhibitions
- restaurants
- book store
- gift shop.

#### SCHOLARLY BASED

More than 50 eminent scholars who focus on migration, immigration and other disciplines support the museum.

#### THE COALITION

The Coalition consists of more than 150 organizations representing more than 50 different American ethnic, minority, nationality and genealogical groups who advocate for creation of the museum.

*Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore, send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me: I lift my lamp beside the golden door.*

— Emma Lazzarus

#### COALITION GOAL

To have a bipartisan Presidential commission created to study establishment of the museum and issue a report within a year.

#### PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION

The commission will be a bipartisan, diverse body of distinguished Americans that will take up to a year to report to the President and Congress about the feasibility of establishing the museum.

*I had always hoped that this land might become a safe and agreeable asylum to the virtuous and persecuted part of mankind to whatever nation they might belong.*

— George Washington

#### COMMISSION AGENDA

The commission will study:

- the story the museum will tell
- sites
- museum mission
- audiences
- costs
- fund raising plan
- support for state and local ethnic museums
- whether or not it should be part of the Smithsonian
- museum components
- a plan to create the museum.

155 Organizations support the National Museum of the American People

COALITION FOR THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

# AMERICAN PEOPLE

## Basque American

North American Basque Organizations, Inc.

## Belarusian American

Belarusian-American Association, Inc.

## Bosnian American

Bosniak American Advisory Council for Bosnia and Herzegovina

## Bulgarian American

Bulgarian-American Society

## Caribbean American

Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Inc.

## Carpatho-Rusyn American

Carpatho-Rusyn Consortium of North America

Carpatho-Rusyn Society

## Chinese American

China Institute  
Chinese American Citizens Alliance  
Chinese Historical Society of America  
Committee of 100

Families with Children from China of Greater New York  
Greater Chinatown Community Association (NYC)

## Creole American

NSU Creole Heritage Center

## Czech American

American Friends of the Czech Republic

## Danish American

Danish American Society

## Dominican American

Dominican American National Foundation

Dominican American National Roundtable

## Dutch American

The Netherland-America Foundation, Inc.  
The Netherland Club of New York

## Early European American

Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution

## English American

English-Speaking Union of the United States

St. George's Society of New York

## Estonian American

Estonian American National Council

## Filipino American

National Federation of Filipino American Associations

## Finnish American

Finlandia Foundation National

## French American

Council for the Development of French in Louisiana

Franco-American Women's Institute  
French-American Foundation

## Georgian American

The Georgian Association in the USA, Inc.

## German American

Gauvorband Nordamerika  
German-American Citizens League of Greater Cincinnati

German-American Heritage Foundation of the USA

German American National Congress (DANK)

Steuben Society of America

## Greek American

American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association

American Hellenic Institute Foundation

## Hispanic American

Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities

National Association of Hispanic Federal Executives

## Hmong American

Hmong National Development, Inc.

## Hungarian American

American Hungarian Federation  
Hungarian Reformed Federation of America

## Iranian American

National Iranian American Council  
Public Affairs Alliance of Iranian Americans

## Irish American

The American Ireland Fund  
American Irish Historical Society  
Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, Inc.  
Irish American Unity Conference  
Irish National Caucus

## Italian American

Italian American Studies Association  
National Italian American Foundation  
National Organization of Italian American Women  
Order Sons of Italy in America  
UNICO National

## Japanese American

442nd Regimental Combat Team Veterans Club  
Americans of Japanese Ancestry World War II Memorial Alliance  
Japanese American Citizens League  
Japanese American Living Legacy

## Jewish American

American Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors and Their Descendants  
American Jewish Committee  
Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society  
Russian American Jewish Experience

## Korean American

The Korea Society  
Korean American Coalition  
National Association of Korean Americans

## Laotian American

Laotian American National Alliance

## Latvian American

The American Latvian Association in the United States, Inc.

## Lithuanian American

Lithuanian-American Community, Inc.  
Lithuanian American Council, Inc.

## Macedonian American

Macedonian Arts Council  
United Macedonian Diaspora

## Mexican American

U.S.-Mexico Chamber of Commerce

## Native Hawaiian

Hawai'i Maoli

## Norwegian American

Norwegian American Foundation  
Sons of Norway

## Polish American

The Kosciuszko Foundation  
Polish American Congress

## Portuguese American

Portuguese American Cultural Society of Palm Beach County, Inc.  
Portuguese American Historical & Research Foundation, Inc.  
Portuguese American Leadership Council of the United States

## Romanian American

Congress of Romanian Americans

## Russian American

American Association of Russian Women  
Congress of Russian Americans  
Russian American Cultural Center  
Russian American Cultural Heritage Center

## Salvadoran American

Salvadoran American Leadership and Educational Fund

## Scottish American

American-Scottish Foundation  
American Scottish Gaelic Society (An Comunn Gaidhealach Ameireaganach)  
Chicago Scots  
Council of Scottish Clans & Associations  
Mid-Atlantic Scots4Tots  
Saint Andrew's Society of the Eastern Shore

Saint Andrew's Society of Washington, D.C.

Scottish-American Military Society

## Sikh American

Sikh American Legal Defense and Education Fund  
The Sikh Coalition

## Slovak American

Slovak League of America  
Slovak-American International Cultural Foundation, Inc.  
Slovak American Society of Washington, DC

## South Asian American

National Federation of Indian American Associations  
South Asian Americans Leading Together

## Swedish American

American Swedish Institute  
Swedish-American Historical Society  
Swedish Council of America  
Vasa Order of America

## Swiss American

Swiss American Council of Women  
Swiss Society of New York

## Taiwanese American

Formosa Foundation  
Taiwanese American Citizens League  
Taiwanese Association of America

## Thai American

Thai Alliance in America

## Turkish American

Assembly of Turkish American Associations  
Federation of Turkish American Associations, Inc.  
Turkish Coalition of America

## Ukrainian American

Ukrainian Congress Committee of America, Inc.

## Vietnamese American

Boat People SOS  
National Alliance of Vietnamese American Service Agencies  
National Congress of Vietnamese Americans

## Welsh American

Great Plains Welsh Heritage Project  
National Welsh-American Foundation  
Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association

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