# NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

### **Bringing All Americans Together**

# Declaration of E Pluribus Unum

**November 15, 2022** 

When building our next national museum in Washington, DC, we believe each of our group's stories about becoming Americans should be told together with all other Americans whether they came from Europe, Asia and the Pacific Islands, Africa, or the Americas, or were here as First Peoples.

The National Museum of the American People will embody our nation's original national motto, *E Pluribus Unum* -- "From Many, One" -- as it brings all Americans together, from the first through today, under the umbrella of the Constitution of the United States that begins with the legendary words, "*We the People*."

Together, we represent people from throughout the world who became Americans. We therefore support and welcome the creation of this museum telling our dynamic stories along with the stories of every other group of Americans as it explores the making of the American People.

We, the undersigned, urge President Biden to create a bipartisan commission this year to study establishment of the National Museum of the American People.

We are all Americans!

#### **WESTERN EUROPE**

#### **Dutch Americans**

Sarah Cooney, Executive Director The Holland Society of New York

#### **English Americans**

David Drinkwater, President Clare Risman, Executive Director St. George's Society of New York

#### **AFRICA**

#### African Americans

Clayola Brown, National President The A. Philip Randolph Institute

Fred L. Hord, Ph.D., Founder and Exec Director Association for Black Culture Centers

Earl Fowlkes Jr., President/CEO Center for Black Equity

#### Finnish Americans

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**Finnish American Society of the Midwest** 

#### French Americans

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#### **German Americans**

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#### **Irish Americans**

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Bernadette Foley, President Irish American Home Society, Inc.

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Fr. Sean McManus, President Irish National Caucus

Karen Keane, National President Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians

#### **Norwegian Americans**

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#### Scottish Americans

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Juanita Palacios-Sims, Founder and President International Society of Black Latinos

Rev. Al Sharpton, Founder and President **National Action Network Inc.** 

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#### **ASIA and PACIFIC ISLANDS**

#### Asian Americans

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National Asian Pacific Center for Aging

Ronald Chang, Chairman of the Board
The National Association of Asian
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#### **Chinese Americans**

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Chinese American Citizens Alliance

Justin Charles Hoover, Executive Director Chinese Historical Society of America

#### <u>Filipino Americans</u>

Brendan Flores, President and Chair National Federation of Filipino American Associations

#### <u>Hmong Americans</u>

May yer Thao, President & CEO Hmong American Partnership

#### **Indian Americans**

Gobind Munjal, National President

The Association of Indians In America

#### Korean Americans

Suzanne Sharkey, Treasurer

Korean American Association of Rhode Island

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Southeast Asia Resource Action Center

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Scottish American Society of Ohio

#### Swedish Americans

Bruce Karstadt, President and CEO
The American Swedish Institute

#### **Swiss Americans**

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#### Welsh Americans

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The Chicago Tafia Welsh Society

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Dr. John C. Tamplin, President

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Jeanne Jindra Jones, Trustee

The Welsh-American Heritage Museum

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#### **SOUTHERN EUROPE**

#### Albanian Americans

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**Albanian American National Organization** 

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#### **Bosnian Americans**

Ajla Dekic, President

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#### **Greek Americans**

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#### Taiwanese Americans

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#### The AMERICAS

#### **Cuban Americans**

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#### **Dominican Americans**

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Nestor Montilla, Ph.D., Chairman

National Dominican American Council

## Hispanic Americans

Antonio R. Flores, President and CEO Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities

Dr. Juan Andrade, Jr., President
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#### Latino Americans

Juanita Palacios-Sims, Founder and President International Society of Black Latinos

Brad Porterfield, Director

Latino Community Association

#### **Puerto Ricans**

Angelique Sina, President Friends of Puerto Rico

#### CENTRAL and EASTERN EUROPE

#### **Baltic Americans**

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The Joint Baltic American National

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American Latvian Association

Marju Rink-Abel, President

Estonian American National Council

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**Macedonian Americans** 

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Portuguese Americans

Diniz Borges, Director

Portuguese Beyond Borders Institute

**Turkish Americans** 

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FIRST PEOPLES

**American Indians** 

Rev. John Norwood, Ph.D., General Secretary

The Alliance of Colonial Era Tribes

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**Keepers of the Sacred Tradition of Pipemakers** 

**Native Hawaiians** 

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**Education Fund** 

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**The Russian American Cultural Center** 

Olga Zatsepina, Ph.D., President

Russian American Cultural Heritage Center

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