



# THE MOST IMPORTANT AMERICAN MUSEUM THAT DOESN'T EXIST...*YET.*

## National Museum of the **AMERICAN PEOPLE**

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### **American People Museum Coalition Hails Groundbreaking Of New African American Museum on National Mall**

The Coalition for the National Museum of the American People applauds the groundbreaking on February 22 for the National Museum of African American History and Culture on the National Mall in Washington, DC. An effort is underway to establish another important American museum. The American People museum, telling the migration and immigration stories of every group that has come to this land and nation, hopes to join the new African American museum on or near the National Mall before the end of this decade.

Coalition Director Sam Eskenazi said he expected the two museums to complement each other and wished Godspeed to Director Lonnie Bunch and everyone involved with the African American museum.

A bipartisan resolution in the House introduced by Rep. Jim Moran, D-VA, calls for a bipartisan Presidential commission to study establishment of the American People museum. The theme of the museum is based on the nation's original national motto: E Pluribus Unum – From Many We are One!

There are more than 140 ethnic and minority organizations supporting this effort. They include organizations representing American Indians, English, Scottish, German, Irish, African American, Asian Pacific, Italian, Polish, Hispanic, Jewish, Greek, Arabic, Central and Eastern European, French, Scandinavian, Creole and many other groups who came here from every corner of the world and became Americans.

The American People museum will be the nation's only institution to tell the full and compelling story of the making of the American People and the creation of the nation. "Like major immigration museums in other countries," Eskenazi said, "Americans will visit the museum to learn about their own stories and will then learn about all of the others who came to this country. Foreign visitors will come to see how peoples from their nation helped make the United States the world's economic, military, scientific and cultural leader."

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NOTE: To interview Rep Moran about H. Con. Res. 63 and the American People museum, please contact Anne Hughes, 202-225-4376; [anne.hughes@mail.house.gov](mailto:anne.hughes@mail.house.gov). For more information, go to [www.nmap2015.com](http://www.nmap2015.com).