

(4) the term “funerary object” means an object that, as part of a death rite or ceremony of a culture, is intentionally placed with individual human remains, either at the time of burial or later;

(5) the term “Heye Foundation assets” means the collections, endowment, and all other property of the Heye Foundation (other than the interest of the Heye Foundation in Audubon Terrace) described in the Memorandum of Understanding between the Smithsonian Institution and the Heye Foundation, dated May 8, 1989, and the schedules attached to such memorandum;

(6) the term “Heye Museum” means the Museum of the American Indian, Heye Foundation;

(7) the term “Indian” means a member of an Indian tribe;

(8) the term “Indian tribe” has the meaning given that term in section 5304 of title 25;

(9) the term “National Museum” means the National Museum of the American Indian established by section 80q-1 of this title;

(10) the term “Native American” means an individual of a tribe, people, or culture that is indigenous to the Americas and such term includes a Native Hawaiian; and

(11) the term “Native Hawaiian” means a member or descendant of the aboriginal people who, before 1778, occupied and exercised sovereignty in the area that now comprises the State of Hawaii.

(Pub. L. 101-185, §16, Nov. 28, 1989, 103 Stat. 1346.)

§ 80q-15. Authorization of appropriations

(a) Funding

There is authorized to be appropriated to the Board of Regents to carry out this subchapter (other than as provided in sections 80q-5(b)(1)(B), 80q-6, 80q-8, 80q-9, 80q-10, 80q-12, and 80q-13(c)(5) of this title)—

(1) \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 1990; and

(2) such sums as may be necessary for each succeeding fiscal year.

(b) Period of availability

Funds appropriated under subsection (a) shall remain available without fiscal year limitation for any period prior to the availability of the facilities to be constructed under section 80q-5 of this title for administrative and planning expenses and for the care and custody of the collections of the National Museum.

(Pub. L. 101-185, §17, Nov. 28, 1989, 103 Stat. 1347.)

SUBCHAPTER XIV—NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE

§ 80r. Findings

Congress finds that—

(1) since its founding, the United States has grown into a symbol of democracy and freedom around the world, and the legacy of African Americans is rooted in the very fabric of the democracy and freedom of the United States;

(2) there exists no national museum within the Smithsonian Institution that—

(A) is devoted to the documentation of African American life, art, history, and culture; and

(B) encompasses, on a national level—

(i) the period of slavery;

(ii) the era of Reconstruction;

(iii) the Harlem renaissance;

(iv) the civil rights movement; and

(v) other periods associated with African American life, art, history, and culture; and

(3) a National Museum of African American History and Culture would be dedicated to the collection, preservation, research, and exhibition of African American historical and cultural material reflecting the breadth and depth of the experiences of individuals of African descent living in the United States.

(Pub. L. 108-184, §2, Dec. 16, 2003, 117 Stat. 2676.)

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 108-184, §1, Dec. 16, 2003, 117 Stat. 2676, provided that: “This Act [enacting this subchapter] may be cited as the ‘National Museum of African American History and Culture Act’.”

§ 80r-1. Definitions

In this subchapter:

(1) Board of Regents

The term “Board of Regents” means the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

(2) Council

The term “Council” means the National Museum of African American History and Culture Council established by section 80r-3 of this title.

(3) Museum

The term “Museum” means the National Museum of African American History and Culture established by section 80r-2 of this title.

(4) Secretary

The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution.

(Pub. L. 108-184, §3, Dec. 16, 2003, 117 Stat. 2676.)

§ 80r-2. Establishment of Museum

(a) Establishment

There is established within the Smithsonian Institution a museum to be known as the “National Museum of African American History and Culture”.

(b) Purpose

The purpose of the Museum shall be to provide for—

(1) the collection, study, and establishment of programs relating to African American life, art, history, and culture that encompass—

(A) the period of slavery;

(B) the era of Reconstruction;

(C) the Harlem renaissance;

(D) the civil rights movement; and

(E) other periods of the African American diaspora;