OFFICE OF NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS

Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines 50319; (515) 242-5655

Jill Fulitano Avery, Executive Officer

The Office of Native American Affairs is established and shall do the following:

- 1. Serve as the central permanent agency to advocate for Native Americans.
- 2. Coordinate and cooperate with the efforts of state departments and agencies to serve the needs of Native Americans in participating fully in the economic, social, and cultural life of the state, and provide direct assistance to individuals who request it.
- 3. Develop, coordinate, and assist other public or private organizations which serve Native Americans.
- 4. Serve as an information clearinghouse on programs and agencies operating to assist Native Americans.

COMMISSION OF NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS

§216A.2, 216A.162

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Name	City	Term Ending/Type
Judy Allen, Chair	Council Bluffs	April 30, 2013
Vicky Apala-Cuevas	Davenport	April 30, 2015
Keith Carpenter	Bridgewater	April 30, 2015
Thomas Cornwell	West Branch	April 30, 2013
Joe Coulter	Iowa City	April 30, 2013
Theresa Essmann	Waterloo	April 30, 2013
Larry Lasley	Tama	April 30, 2013
Tiffany Lewis	Ankeny	April 30, 2015
Karen Mackey	Sioux City	April 30, 2013
Franklin Phillips	Sioux City	April 30, 2015
Judy Yellowbank	Sioux City	April 30, 2015
Ex officio member		
San Wong, Director, Department of Human Rights		Statutory

The commission shall have all powers necessary to carry out its functions and duties and shall do all of the following:

- 1. Study the opportunities for and changing needs of Native American persons in this state.
- 2. Serve as a liaison between the department and the public, sharing information and gathering constituency input.
- 3. Recommend to the board for adoption rules pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 17A as it deems necessary for the commission and office.
 - 4. Recommend legislative and executive action to the Governor and General Assembly.
 - 5. Establish advisory committees, work groups, or other coalitions as appropriate.