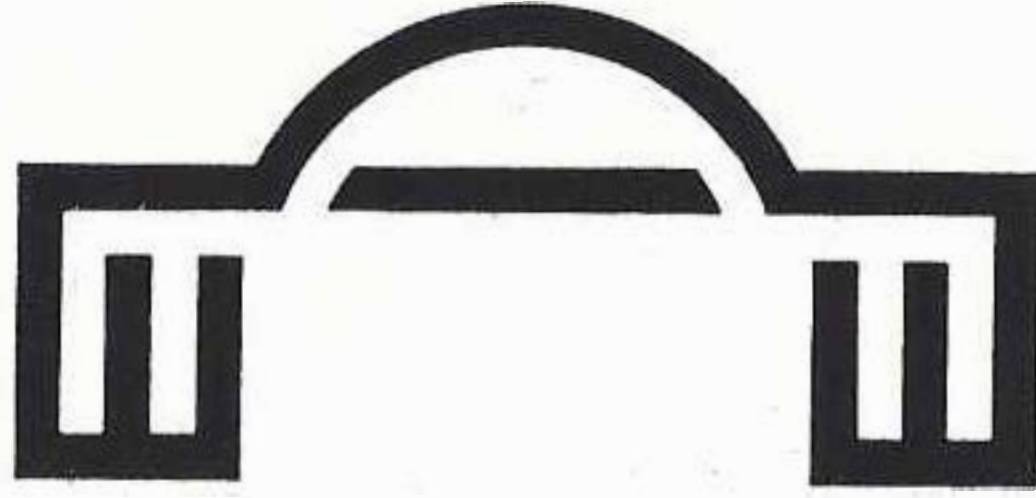




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ISSUES REPORT ON NEEDS OF INDIANS

In conjunction with Indian Heritage Week in North Carolina, the North Carolina Center for Public Policy Research has re-released a report that discusses the needs of Indians in North Carolina. Entitled "Public Policy and Native Americans in North Carolina: Issues for the '80s," the document reports the proceedings of a conference sponsored by the Center earlier this year.

The conference brought together approximately 100 Indians, policy-makers, educators, and members of the press to discuss how existing federal and state government policies affect Indians, how such policies can be made more responsive to the needs of Indians, and how to better address problems of special importance to native Americans.

The report focuses on four topics: education, health, economic status, and recognition. Conference participants discussed the current status of North Carolina's Indians in each of these areas, assessed the success of past policies, and made about 23 recommendations for Indians to pursue in the 1980s.

Among the conference participants were former U.S. Senator James Abourezk, Adolph Dial of Pembroke State University, Dr. Ron Levine, acting director of the state Division of Health Services, Ken Maynor of the Lumbee Regional Development Association, and members of the Cherokee, Haliwa-Saponi and Lumbee Indian tribes.

The report includes an executive summary and a chapter highlighting the major points of each panel session. Also included are copies of the state statutes and regulations pertaining to recognition of Indian tribes and to the N. C. Commission of Indian Affairs. The Commission is the principal sponsor of Indian Heritage Week, which runs from September 20-26 and is designed to call attention to the history and contributions of the state's 65,000 Indians.

The Center's conference and report were funded in part by a grant from the N.C. Humanities Committee, a state-based program of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Free copies of the report may be obtained from the N.C. Center for Public Policy Research or by calling Ms. Beth Briggs at 832-2839 in Raleigh.