PRESS RELEASE
2011 Miss Indian Alabama

For Immediate Release: The month of November is designated as American Indian Heritage month. Throughout the nation Indian events are held to commemorate the rich heritage of our Native peoples. In Alabama a series of events and activities have been held by the tribes and other Indian related organizations, in support of Alabama's Indian heritage. On Friday, November 5, 2010, the Alabama Indian Affairs Commission (www.aiac.alabama.gov) hosted the fifth annual Miss Indian Alabama competition at the State Capitol. The Commission is the state government agency that is charged with representing the Indian people living in the state, as well as the nine recognized tribal governments. The state of Alabama is home to the following state-recognized tribal governments; Echota Cherokee Tribe of Alabama, Cherokee Tribe of Northeast Alabama, MaChis Lower Creek Indian Tribe, Star Clan of Muscogee Creeks, Cher-O-Creek Intratribal Indians, MOWA Band of Choctaw Indians, Piqua Shawnee Tribe, the United Ani-Yun-Wiya Nation and the Poarch Band of Creeks Indians who are also federally recognized.

There were three young Indian ladies who competed for the title of Miss Indian Alabama 2011. The 2011 Miss Indian Alabama is Cortney Morris. Cortney is the 20 year old daughter of David and Tina Morris of Perdido, Alabama. Cortney is a member of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians and is currently pursing her Bachelor's Degree in Nursing at the University of South Alabama. Cortney represents her tribe in many events all over the country as their 2010 Senior Princess. As Miss Indian Alabama Cortney will serve as a Goodwill Ambassador for all Indian people throughout the state.

For further information on Miss Indian Alabama or for any information regarding the American Indian population of Alabama , please call the Alabama Indian Affairs Commission at 334-242-2831 or email us at aiac@att.net.