

NEWS RELEASE

MISS INDIAN ALABAMA 2010

The month of November is designated as American Indian Heritage month. Throughout the nation Indian activities 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, such as the Trail of Tear motorcycle ride in northern Alabama, in support of Alabama's Indian heritage. On Friday, November 13, 2009 the Alabama Indian Affairs Commission (www.aiac.alabama.gov) hosted the fourth 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 state-recognized tribal governments. According to the US Census of 2000 the American Indian population of the state is over 45,000. The state of Alabama is the home of nine state-recognized tribes: Echota Cherokee of 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, United Cherokee Ani-Yun-Wiya Nation and Poarch Band of Creek Indians.

There were five young Indian ladies who competed for the title of Miss Indian Alabama 2010. The winner is Miss Paige Dobson. She is an eighteen years old senior at the Geraldine High School. She is a member of the United Cherokee Ani-Yun-Wiya Nation. Her parents are Sherman and Sara Dobson of Dawson, Alabama. Paige serves as the student representative for the DeKalb County Indian Education Parent Action committee. She also stays active in her tribal activities and community. Miss Indian Alabama serves 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 or the state recognized tribes please call the Alabama Indian Affairs Commission at (334) 242-2831, FAX (334) 240-3408 or email us at aiac@att.net.



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