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**The Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts and the Poarch Band of Creek Indians Host
Native American Family Day**

Montgomery, April 1, 2019 – To celebrate and honor the historic and cultural contributions of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, the sixth annual *Native American Family Day* will take place on Saturday, April 6, from 1 to 4 PM, at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts in the Wynton Blount Cultural Park. During this **FREE** and family-oriented celebration, members of the Indian tribe will share different aspects of their Creek culture dating back thousands of years. The event will take place rain or shine.

"Being new to the Museum, this will be my first time participating in *Native American Family Day*. And, as a newcomer to Alabama, I can't wait to learn about the cultural traditions of the first people to live on the land we now share. At the Museum, we delight in offering exhibitions and programs that celebrate the experiences that both distinguish and unite us as the diversity of people who call the River Region home. We are so extraordinarily grateful for the Poarch Band of Creek Indian's support of this and other Museum programs--we simply could not present an event of this magnitude without their whole-hearted and generous support," said Angie Dodson, Director of the Museum.

This year's festivities consist of an introduction of the tribal princesses, drumming by Medicine Tail, and dance performances by the tribe's popular Pow Wow Club. Poarch Creek artisans will also be on hand to showcase their art, and visitors will be able to participate in arts and crafts activities in the Creek tradition.

“Based on the increased popularity of *Native American Family Day*, we feel this unique partnership with the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts allows our tribe to connect with hundreds of families throughout Central Alabama. The educational value that will be made available about our history and culture makes this a great opportunity for everyone to visit,” said Stephanie A. Bryan, Tribal Chair and CEO, Poarch Band of Creek Indians.

This year an added attraction, the **Inside Out Project: We Are The Dream** will be on location with their photo booth truck at the front entrance of the Museum for those wanting to have their photo taken by the internationally acclaimed artist JR’s “Inside Out” team. Over 2000 oversized portraits of Montgomery citizens will be pasted on the exterior of the 1 Court Square building facing the Capitol Building on Dexter Avenue for a temporary installation. **We Are The Dream** will be the largest domestic single truck INSIDE OUT installation since JR’s project in Times Square. Native American Day at MMFA will be the first of only five activations around the city where Montgomery residents can participate. “It is the beginning of Montgomery’s story, so celebrating the Tribe’s vibrancy as an integral participant of the community was the only way to begin” said Sarah Beatty Buller, one of the lead organizers of the **We Are The Dream** project.

For additional information call 334.625.4333 or visit www.mmfa.org for further details. To learn more about the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, please visit please visit www.pci-nsn.gov or www.poarchneighbors.com.

The Museum, located at One Museum Drive in Montgomery, is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 AM to 5 PM; Thursday from 10 AM to 9 PM; and Sunday Noon to 5 PM.

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