

**Commission Activities**  
**FY 2019 Report to the Legislature**

(Pursuant to Section 804 of PA 207 of 2018)

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**Reporting Period: October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019**

## **Executive Summary:**

Public Act 207 of 2018 section 804 requires the following:

**Sec. 804.** *The Michigan office for new Americans is to coordinate with the Asian Pacific American affairs commission, the Commission on Middle Eastern American affairs, and the Hispanic/Latino commission of Michigan to produce a report by January 31 that is to be transmitted to the senate and house subcommittee chairpersons, the senate and house fiscal agencies, and the state budget director. The report shall include, but is not limited to, the following:*

- (a) Total number of people with whom each commission directly interacts through programming.*
- (b) Total number of public events that each commission conducted.*
- (c) Description of the activities that the commissions initiated to promote cooperation between the commissions.*
- (d) Total number of meetings that each commission held with foreign diplomats.*
- (e) Programmatic costs of each commission.*

## **Background:**

In FY19, the Hispanic/Latino Commission of Michigan (HLCOM), Michigan Asian Pacific American Affairs Commission (MAPAAC) and Commission on Middle Eastern American Affairs (CMEAA) were transferred to the Department of Labor & Economic Opportunity (LEO) pursuant to Executive Order 2019-13. The general purpose of each of the Commission is to serve the respective populations. Additionally, the same EO changed the name of the Michigan Office for New Americans to the Office of Global Michigan (Global Michigan), and transferred the office to LEO. For the purposes of this report, from 10/1/2018 to 8/11/2019 (the effective date of the EO), the commissions worked with MONA under LARA and after 8/11/2019, the commissions were in Global Michigan under LEO. We will refer to Global Michigan and LEO in this report but want to be sure the legislature has information about the changes made during FY19.

This report outlines the FY19 activities for each commission.

**Required Information:**

*(a) Total number of people with whom each commission directly interacts through programing.*

- a. HLCOM – Approximately 2,300
- b. MAPAAC – Approximately 777
- c. CMEAA – Approximately 6,800

*(b) Total number of public events that each commission conducted and number of attendees at each event*

- a. HLCOM – 9 public events
  - i. Commission meeting, Muskegon: 20 people
  - ii. Commission meeting, Cadillac: 10 people
  - iii. Commission meeting, Lansing: 7 people
  - iv. Commission meeting, Detroit: 8 people
  - v. Commission meeting, Grand Rapids: 4 people
  - vi. Commission meeting, Kalamazoo: 20 people
  - vii. 2019 Statewide Graduation Ceremony: 500 people
  - viii. Legislative Day: 150 people
  - ix. Annual Heritage Celebration: 350
- b. MAPAAC – 7 public events
  - i. APA Heritage Day: Approximately 200 people
  - ii. Fred T Korematsu Recognition event: 50 people
  - iii. Cultural Health Forum, Southfield: 62 people
  - iv. Immigration Education Seminar, Grand Rapids: 58 people
  - v. 2020 Census Training, Novi: 52
  - vi. 2020 Census Training, Southfield: 50
  - vii. 2020 Census Training, Grand Rapids: 45
- c. CMEAA – 44 public events
  - i. 35 School visits to the Arab American National Museum with about 20 students per school
  - ii. Eight (8) National Arab Orchestra concerts: Approximately 6,000 people
  - iii. Legislative Day: 120 people

*(c) Description of the activities that the commission initiated to promote cooperation between the commissions.*

- a. All three commissions participate in the following:
  - i. **Joint Legislative Advocacy Committee.** The committee consists of members of the three ethnic commissions (MAPAAC, HLCOM, and CMEAA), as well as staff from Global Michigan, with legislative analysis initially from LARA and since the effective date of the EO from LEO. The objectives are to track legislation that may impact the representative immigrant communities, analyze its impact on each community, assess the likelihood of passage, strategize a collective response, inform and make recommendations to respective commissions, and coordinate action with Global Michigan and LEO. Additionally, the commissions provide communication about legislation to their respective communities.
  - ii. **Chairpersons Council:** The three commission chairpersons participated in calls with Global Michigan to discuss commission objectives and Global Michigan initiatives to identify opportunities for collaboration.
  - iii. **Additional efforts:** HLCOM reached out to the other two ethnic commissions about two joint statements opposing legislation that could negatively impact all populations covered by the three commissions. MAPAAC coordinated a joint letter from the three commissions to MDCR in response to a racial incident during the election cycle, and requested MDCR to hold semi-annual hearings on incidents of hate and bias in the state. MAPAAC extended invitations to HLCOM and CMEAA to attend their annual events. MAPAAC and CMEAA commission coordinators shared best practices. CMEAA coordinator attended the MAPAAC APA Leaders Planning Forum and participated in discussions about engaging the community.

*(d) Total number of meetings each commission held with foreign diplomats.*

- a. HLCOM – 2
- b. MAPAAC – 0 (MAPAAC commissioners are leaders in their ethnic communities and interact with the Consulate Generals of Japan, Korea and China. Most activities though were hosted by the Consulate Generals or APA organizations.)
- c. CMEAA – 0

*(e) Programmatic costs of each commission (GF/GP funds)*

- a. HLCOM - \$236,908
- b. MAPAAC - \$23,061 (includes program sponsorships)
- c. CMEAA – \$85,000