

Alabama's Poarch Band of Creek Indians Bring Indian Culture to Montgomery

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Poarch Creek Indian Reservation, Atmore, Alabama – February 27, 2006 – Indian stomp dancers and Native American food will come to the State Capitol on Wednesday night, March 1, 2006 from 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. as the Poarch Band Creek Indians host a “Alabama Native, Alabama Neighbor” reception at the RSA Activity Center, 201 Dexter Avenue in Montgomery.

“We are proud of the role that our Tribe has played in Alabama’s history”, said Tribal Chairman Fred L. McGhee. “We are delighted to share our Poarch Creek culture with our State’s leaders in Montgomery.”

The Poarch Band Creek Indians, the only federally recognized Tribe in the State, were instrumental in the settlement of Alabama. Early settlers used their Indian trails to travel through the wilderness territories that are now Alabama and Georgia. The Tribe’s ancestors were known as the “friendly Creeks”, and served as guides, interpreters and river pilots.

“Our ancestors were some of the few southeastern Indians not forced to remove to Oklahoma,” noted Chairman McGhee. “We live on the same lands our ancestors lived on more than 150 years ago. Today, we are fortunate to be able to provide for our Tribe through various industries, including gaming, and we are proud to be one the largest employers in our region. It is important for us to continue our tradition of being good neighbors.”

The reception will feature performances from the Poarch Creek Stomp Dancers, who will perform traditional dances that can be traced back centuries. The Tribe will also serve food with a traditional flavor.

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