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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations

FROM: Philip Carter
Museum Advisory Commission Chair

RE: Museum Advisory Commission
Report FY 2014-2015

DATE: September 30, 2015

Pursuant to § 143B-344.21, the Advisory Commission of the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences is to submit a Report by October 1 of each year to the General Assembly, Fiscal Research Division of the General Assembly, and the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations.

Given that our Report is to include an outline of the Museum's needs and recommendations of any changes to improve the Museum's effectiveness, and given the several references to the Museum in the State's just released 2015-16 Budget, each of which has an operational and planning impact, and given the consultative involvement of the Commission's State-wide membership in the finalization of the Report, this is an interim note to respectfully request that the Commission be permitted to submit its Report on or before October 14, 2015.

Meanwhile, you may anticipate a Report which describes another remarkable year of progress for the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences, expresses appreciation of the stabilization of its State appropriation, embraces its inclusion in the new Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, and looks forward to another outstanding year of contributions to the needs and opportunities of the State.

Copies: Susan Klutzz, Secretary, Department of Natural and Cultural Resources
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