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Preserving America's Heritage

President to Appoint New ACHP Member

Washington, D.C.—President Barack Obama announced his intention to appoint Robert G. Stanton to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP).

Robert G. Stanton, of Fairfax Station, Va., will be appointed for a four-year term as an expert member of the ACHP. No stranger to preservation, Stanton was the 15th director of the National Park Service (NPS) from 1997-2001 and most recently served as Senior Advisor to the Secretary of the Interior. Stanton started his career in 1962 as a park ranger at Grand Teton National Park and rose to leadership of the NPS. He has been actively engaged with a number of national conservation organizations and initiatives, having co-founded the African American Experience Fund of the National Park Foundation. Stanton has been nationally recognized through numerous awards and citations for outstanding public service and leadership in conservation, historic preservation and youth programs, and has been awarded five honorary doctoral degrees. He has a B.S. from Huston-Tillotson University. Stanton is currently a visiting university lecturer and private consultant in national park administration, natural and cultural resource management and diversity in employment and public programs.

Stanton's previous interactions with the ACHP include serving on President Obama's transition team for the agency and participating in the joint ACHP-NPS-Journey Through Hallowed Ground Partnership initiative "Of the Student, By the Student, For the Student" service learning project at Harpers Ferry National Historical Park. (<http://www.hallowedground.org/Education/Of-the-Student-By-the-Student-For-the-Student-Service-Learning-Projects/Harpers-Ferry-1859-2009>).

"As a former longstanding public servant and NPS Director, in addition to his other accomplishments, Robert Stanton brings rich experience with historic preservation and deep understanding of relevant Department of the Interior and Executive Branch programs to the ACHP," said ACHP Chairman Milford Wayne Donaldson, FAIA. "His expertise will help the agency accomplish its goals of building a greater national public preservation ethic and working more effectively across government to bring the many benefits of historic preservation to more Americans, especially to young people who benefit most from being aware of their connections to the nation's story."

About the ACHP: *An independent federal agency, the ACHP promotes the economic, educational, environmental, sustainability, and cultural values of historic preservation and advises the President and Congress on national historic preservation policy. It also influences federal activities, programs, and policies that affect historic and cultural properties. See www.achp.gov for more information.*

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