

(1) Resolved: That the North Carolina Historical Commission considers the existence of the three Confederate Monuments located on the State Capitol grounds in Raleigh (the monument to the Confederate Dead of NC, to Henry Lawson Wyatt, and to the NC Women of the Confederacy) as an over-representation and over-memorialization of a difficult era in NC history.

(2) Resolved: That given the specific legislative prohibition against the removal of objects of remembrance, the Commission at this time is unable to recommend the removal or relocation of the three Confederate monuments because removal or relocation is not required to preserve these three monuments. Even if relocation were necessary to preserve these three Confederate monuments, the specific requirement to relocate objects of remembrance to locations of similar prominence or honor imposed by North Carolina General Statute section 100-2.1 would be very difficult. With a preference for encouraging the continuing interpretation of history—including the African American experience—rather than the denial of history, the Commission would still not be able to recommend the removal or relocation of these three Confederate monuments on the State Capitol grounds.

(3) Resolved: First, in order to present a fair and more accurate explanation of the Civil War and its aftermath in NC, additional signage with historical facts and context should be added adjacent to the three monuments, to ensure that the significant contributions of African Americans are presented along with an explanation of the struggles they endured in NC as they fought for civil rights and social justice. That, in accord with General Statutes sections 100-2.1 and 143B-62, the Commission recommends: Second, that the three Confederate monuments on the State Capitol grounds be interpreted with signage appropriately composed and erected adjacent to the monuments to provide a balanced context and accounting of the monuments' erection in their time in political history, and of the struggle to overcome the consequences of slavery that caused the Civil War, and the subsequent oppressive subjugation of African American people; and, Third, that the Department of Natural & Cultural Resources plan, design, and raise the funds for the construction of one or more additional monuments on Capitol Square to memorialize the accomplishments and contributions of North Carolina's African Americans; and Fourth, that the Governor and the General Assembly work together to ensure that one or more additional monuments on the State Capitol grounds is constructed without delay.