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NAACP OPPOSES CONFEDERATE HISTORY MONTH

The Georgia State Conference of the NAACP strongly opposes a proposed Confederate History Month (SB-283), so long as its proponents will not support a public apology from the State of Georgia for the atrocities of slavery endorsed and supported by the Official Code of Georgia from 1755 to 1865.

“Although the supporters of the Confederate History bill feel responsible to honor the past deeds of their ancestors through official governmental action; they resist all notions that they have any responsibility to apologize to their ancestors’ victims through official governmental action. That reeks of hypocrisy,” said Mr. Edward DuBose, President of the Georgia State Conference NAACP,

The main tenet of what the Confederacy stood for was the maintaining of slavery. The Confederate battle flag was the symbol of defiance of this nation becoming one nation under God.

“It is hard to comprehend that the Georgia General Assembly considers making permanent a month commemorating confederate forces who engaged in armed treason against the United States,” added Rev. Francys Johnson, Southeast Director of the NAACP.

The NAACP firmly believes that Georgia is already crowded with reminders of Georgia’s Confederate past. Among them are confederate monuments all over the state, including large portraits in the capitol of Robert Toombs, a Georgia secessionist leader who served as a Confederate general, and a marble bust of Alexander Stephens, the Georgian who was vice president of the Confederacy.



Founded in 1909, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is the nation’s oldest and largest civil rights organization. Its half-million adult and youth members throughout the United States and the world are the premier advocates for civil rights in their communities and monitor equal opportunity in the public and private sectors