



HISTORIC JUSTICE AND EQUITY

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

✓ **Control of Local Monuments**

Give Virginia localities control over monuments and remove the existing statewide prohibition against removing Confederate War memorials.

✓ **Historic African American Cemeteries**

Create an Historic African American Cemetery Grant Program in the Department of Historic Resources.

✓ **Replacement of Robert E. Lee Statue in U.S. Capitol**

Remove the Robert E. Lee statue in the National Statuary Hall Collection at the United States Capitol and recommend a replacement statue to the General Assembly.

BUDGET PROPOSALS

✓ **Green Pastures**

Virginia will work with the United States Forest Service to reopen the Green Pastures recreation area in Allegheny County. Green Pastures is one of the few federal recreation areas established for African-Americans in Virginia during the era of segregation. In 1963, after the park was desegregated, it was renamed Longdale Recreation Area.

✓ **Black History Museum and Cultural Center of Virginia**

\$1.2 million in the first year, \$1.3 million in the second to support traveling exhibitions to help teach K-12 students aspects of African American history.

✓ **American Civil War Museum**

\$1 million annually to support learning opportunities, aligned to Virginia's Standards of Learning, related to the Civil War.

- ✓ **Historic African American Cemeteries Fund**
\$100,000 the first year and \$150,000 the second, to support the preservation and care of historical African American graves and cemeteries.

- ✓ **Cemetery Preservationist**
Hire a historic preservation professional to focus on historic and prehistoric cemeteries, burial grounds, and human remains.

- ✓ **Historic Highway Markers**
\$100,000 annually for the creation of additional markers to promote historic justice and tell more diverse stories

- ✓ **Virginia African American History Trail**
\$100,000 to digitize highway markers to aid in the creation of an African American history trail.

- ✓ **City of Richmond**
\$1 million annually to expand the exhibition at Maymont, "Below Stairs: In Service and Beyond." The exhibit tells the story of the 25-30 largely African American Service population that worked in and around the Dooley mansion from 1893-1925.

- ✓ **Charlottesville**
\$350,000 annually for permanent installation "Paradox of Liberty: Slavery at Jefferson's Monticello."

- ✓ **Alexandria**
\$2,443,000 to support the purchase of the Freedom House and the expansion of the existing Freedom House Museum. Known today as Freedom House, this building was once part of the headquarters for the largest domestic slave trading firm in the United States, Franklin and Armfield.