

Resolution in solidarity of the removal of monuments to the Confederacy

WHEREAS there are at least six public monuments to the Confederate States of America and the people who fought to preserve slavery as a legal institution and the white supremacist ideology that permits it;

(The six monuments are: the memorial to Arizona Confederate troops at the Wesley Bolin Memorial Plaza at the state capitol in Phoenix; the Arizona Confederate veterans memorial in Greenwood Cemetery, Phoenix; the designation of US Highway 60 at Peralta Road, Apache Junction, as Jefferson Davis Highway; the Arizona Confederate veterans memorial in the Southern Arizona Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Sierra Vista; the Battle of Picacho Pass monument in Picacho State Park; and, the monument to four Confederate soldiers at the Dragoon Springs stagecoach station;) and,

WHEREAS it is possible to remember the crimes of slavery and white supremacy that are a stain on the soul of this nation without memorializing those who sought to maintain those sins and the immoral legal basis upon which they rested; and,

WHEREAS Representative Reginald Bolding, Jr. (D-LD27), the East Valley NAACP, and Black Lives Matter Phoenix have formally requested that Governor Ducey remove those monuments because they are symbols of hatred and bigotry;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Arizona Democratic Party State Committee stands in solidarity with Mr. Bolding, the East Valley NAACP, and Black Lives Matter Phoenix in requesting that Governor Ducey direct the monuments to be removed and replaced with memorials to the soldiers who fought to preserve the union and end slavery, and, to remember the lives of the human beings held in bondage by law.

Submitted by Andrew Gardner, State Committee member from LD3.

References:

<http://bit.ly/az-confederate-memorials>