

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
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**HOUSE BILL 484**

Short Title: Honoring NC's Contributions to Civil Rights. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Lofton and Quick (Primary Sponsors).

*For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.*

Referred to: Appropriations, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

March 25, 2025

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION TO  
STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING MONUMENTS COMMEMORATING  
EVENTS AND PERSONS RELATING TO THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT IN THE  
STATE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE  
COMMISSION TO PLACE MARKERS AT SITES ALONG NORTH CAROLINA'S  
CIVIL RIGHTS TRAIL.

Whereas, the civil rights movement mobilized citizens to push for equality and  
freedom; and

Whereas, the gains won during the civil rights movement helped secure rights for all  
Americans; and

Whereas, countless North Carolinians participated in protests, marches, rallies, and  
Freedom Rides across the State; and

Whereas, North Carolina served as the location of significant events that helped  
advance the civil rights movement, including the creation of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating  
Committee (SNCC), the launch of the sit-in movement, and the filing of desegregation lawsuits;  
and

Whereas, despite this history, there are currently no monuments commemorating our  
State's contribution to the civil rights movement; Now, therefore,  
The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** The African American Heritage Commission (hereinafter  
"Commission") is authorized to study the feasibility of establishing monuments commemorating  
events relating to the civil rights movement in North Carolina and the State's citizens that  
contributed to the civil rights movement. In conducting its study, the Commission shall hold  
public hearings/meetings to get citizen input. By May 1, 2026, the Commission shall report its  
findings and any recommendations for legislation to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee  
on Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources.

**SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of  
Natural and Cultural Resources, African American Heritage Commission, the sum of five  
hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2025-2026 fiscal year to aid  
the Commission in its current work of placing markers, signage, and other memorials to  
commemorate significant cultural or historical importance relating to North Carolina's Civil  
Rights Trail.

**SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2025.

