



BILL MUTZ
MAYOR

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Fellow Concerned Citizen,

The Lakeland City Commission's decision to move the Confederate Statue from Munn Park to Veterans Park, without doing so at taxpayer's expense, necessarily relies on the generous spirit of people like you who are willing to invest in supporting a future that *Honors Everyone*:

- By the move, **we honor the memory of the soldiers** who fought to defend Florida
- By the move, **we honor the African-American citizens** who heard a different, exclusionary purpose for its placement when erected,
- By the move, **we honor taxpayers** who may not wish to fund a sensitive issue with which they may not agree, and
- By the move, *we build upon the history* created by those before us.

It is a Quiet Honoring that will *Honor Everyone*. This may seem like a less important cause to "support" than others you've funded, but this relocation reflects the deeply compassionate heart many Lakeland citizens share to correct what may have been less sensitively considered in the past.

Generous donors who help raise \$200,000 by August 31st will make this important chapter in Lakeland's rich history possible. As directed, the staff will finish the final planning and then carefully move the statue to its new permanent location.

I am personally urging you to build upon Lakeland's rich legacy of caring by helping fund this monument move as generously as willingly able. Your prompt response will help build the necessary momentum, and your generosity will endorse the appropriateness of this project to others!

Perhaps anonymity of giving may be a consideration. If you prefer that approach, use this online link:

<https://www.gofundme.com/MunnParkMonumentRelocation>

If you prefer a written record, you can mail your contribution, made payable to the City of Lakeland, to my attention. Any contribution, no matter how large or small, provides support for an effort taking into consideration the feelings of all Lakelanders.

If you have any questions whatsoever, please do not hesitate to contact me by email or phone! Finally, please know I appreciate your incredible heart for others!

Sincerely,

Bill

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