



**North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources
Office of the Secretary**

Governor Roy Cooper

Secretary Susi H. Hamilton

November 30, 2018

Mr. Clayton D. Somers
Vice Chancellor for Public Affairs
and Secretary of the University
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
310 South Building, CB #9150
Chapel Hill, NC 27599-9150

Dear Mr. Somers:

Pursuant to our recent discussions and your letter of November 27, 2018, you have asked whether the University's confederate monument can be housed in the North Carolina Museum of History for display.

If such a relocation were allowed by law and subsequent approval of the Historical Commission were obtained, the Museum of History could physically accommodate the statue for display. Any display of the monument would need to include the historical context of the monument's original place in North Carolina history. In addition to the laws governing objects of remembrance, the North Carolina Historical Commission may need to approve the accession of an artifact into the Museum's collection.

The Department would require a memorandum of understanding with the University to address issues including the loan or donation of the monument as an artifact, the cost of relocation and delivery of the monument, the cost of exhibit design, construction or modification of existing exhibits necessary for the historically accurate and appropriate contextualization of the monument and any structural modifications necessary to display the monument as well as the costs of ongoing operational support such as curatorial staff and security positions. These costs could exceed \$2,000,000 in total.

We cannot provide an approximate timeline for display until all required approvals are obtained. Please let me know if you have any further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susi H. Hamilton".

Susi H. Hamilton
Secretary

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