

# **Emancipation Proclamation and Freedom Monument**

**DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MEMORIAL COMMISSION**

The Commission has been directed pursuant to Item C-1.30 C. of the 2012 Appropriations Act, (Special Session 1, 2012), to construct the Virginia Emancipation Proclamation and Freedom Monument, a permanent 12-foot monument celebrating the emancipation of slaves and freedom, which will be located on Brown's Island in Richmond. The Commission is requesting public nominations of male and female African American Virginians from the period before Emancipation through 1865, which includes the great African kingdoms and slavery through Emancipation, and the period during the struggle for Freedom (1866-1970), including Reconstruction, Black Codes, Jim Crow, and the Civil Rights Movement.

## **Criteria for Recognition of Virginians on Monument**

- Must have been a native Virginian or have lived a great portion of his/her life in Virginia
- Must be known and recognized as a Virginian
- Must have achieved or contributed in a significant manner while living in Virginia
- Must have demonstrated notable achievement, made a significant contribution, or set an important example within his/her chosen field of endeavor, region, or at the state or national level
- Significance will be assessed within the context of what was customary for an African American male or female to have achieved or contributed in the context of the particular time, place, and circumstances in which they lived or worked.
- Consideration will be given to the geographical representation of African Americans in Virginia history from the period before Emancipation (pre-1619-1865) and the period during the struggle for Freedom (1866-1970) and to the full range of backgrounds, disciplines, and fields of endeavor in which such persons were involved.

## **Instructions**

Please complete the form below and email it to [bedwards@dls.virginia.gov](mailto:bedwards@dls.virginia.gov) with "nomination" in the subject line no later than March 31, 2017. **Be sure to complete and return the Documentation for Nomination section on page 2 as nominations will not be accepted without documentation.**

Name of Virginian Nominated \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Associated Geographical Area(s) of Virginia \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Description of Nominee's Achievement and/or Contribution to Virginia or Nation

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Supporting Details (attach additional documentation to be presented to the Commission)

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Name of person or group submitting this nomination \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Further information about the Emancipation Proclamation and Freedom Monument is available online, together with a drawing of the proposed model, at [mlkcommission.dls.virginia.gov](http://mlkcommission.dls.virginia.gov). Ongoing fundraising will be necessary to complete the monument with an anticipated dedication in conjunction with the 2019 Commemoration of the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the first recorded Africans to English North America.

**Nominations will be accepted between September 1, 2016 and March 31, 2017.**

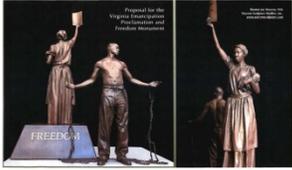
**Anonymous or incomplete forms will not be accepted.**

### **For more information contact:**

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### Documentation for Nominations

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