

November 28, 2012

TO: Members of the General Assembly

FROM: Henry L. Marsh, III, Chairman
Jennifer L. McClellan, Vice Chairwoman

RE: 150th Anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Commission of the Virginia General Assembly is leading the state's commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation which will include several signature events to facilitate the participation of citizens statewide. The signature events include:

- a concert with the Richmond Symphony on April 13, 2013
- a symposium on the Reconstruction Amendments in 2013
- the unveiling of commemorative plaques in the State Capitol honoring the African Americans elected to the Virginia Constitutional Convention of 1871-1872 and to the Virginia General Assembly during Reconstruction in September 2013
- the construction of a permanent monument celebrating the emancipation of slaves and freedom, exhibits, and
- other community activities.

We would like to partner with the Virginia General Assembly members to enable these signature, high-profile events to take place. As Chairman and Vice Chairwoman, respectively, of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Commission, we ask for your support as a leader in our community. We need and would greatly appreciate your assistance to make these events available to Virginians across the Commonwealth. There are various levels of giving and accreditation available, from \$500-\$150,000, and all gifts are tax deductible.

Please contact Senator Henry L. Marsh, III, at (804) 698-7516, or Delegate Jennifer L. McClellan at (804) 698-1171, in order to schedule a meeting to discuss sponsorship for one of our signature events.

Your donation will enable us to reach our goal of \$300,000. Many business and community leaders and organizations have agreed to support the commemoration. The Commission is clearly eager to see the commemoration succeed. You can be a part of that excitement by supporting the commemoration with a generous donation. We are happy to acknowledge your gift on our website and at our numerous events. Gifts can be mailed to the address below. Checks should be made payable to the Treasurer of Virginia and marked for the MLK Commission Special Fund. Thank you for your support.

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