

RESOLUTION NO. 601 - 2017

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, ON BEHALF OF THE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT, TO PETITION THE KENTUCKY MILITARY HERITAGE COMMISSION FOR PERMISSION TO RELOCATE THE JOHN HUNT MORGAN AND JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE STATUES, LOCATED AT 215 AND 251 WEST MAIN STREET, RESPECTIVELY, IN LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY, TO THE LEXINGTON CEMETERY IN LEXINGTON-FAYETTE COUNTY.

WHEREAS, the Historic Fayette County Courthouse and the courthouse plaza have served as the center point and most notable public forum of the city of Lexington; and,

WHEREAS, the Fayette County Courthouse is presently undergoing significant repair and renovation and is intended to serve as the Visitors Center to Lexington; and,

WHEREAS, all visitors and citizens of Lexington should feel safe, secure, welcome and comfortable in this central locus of celebration and public gathering; and,

WHEREAS, Lexington has examined the location of the statues in question and whether to find a more appropriate location; and

WHEREAS, the Urban County Arts Review Board, having hosted several public forums concerning the future of the John Hunt Morgan and John C. Breckinridge statues, has recommended that the statues be relocated to a different, publicly accessible space that allows visitors to acknowledge and learn about the historical significance of the public figures depicted; and,

WHEREAS, the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council never requested or approved that the statues be designated as military heritage objects; and,

WHEREAS, the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council has determined and voted unanimously that it is proper that the statues be relocated to a more appropriate place in Lexington; and

WHEREAS, the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government proposes relocating the statues to The Lexington Cemetery, where: both John C. Breckinridge and John Hunt Morgan are buried; 102 Confederate soldiers are buried; and the Confederate Soldier's Monument and the Ladies' Confederate Memorial are located.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT:

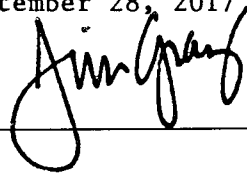
Section 1 – That the Mayor, on behalf of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County

Government, be and hereby is authorized to petition the Kentucky Military Heritage Commission for permission to relocate the John Hunt Morgan and John C. Breckinridge statues, now located at 215 and 251 West Main Street respectively in Lexington, Kentucky, to The Lexington Cemetery in Lexington-Fayette County.

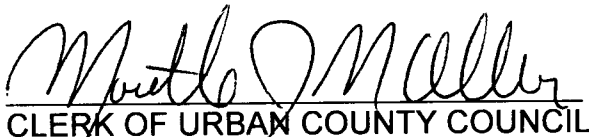
Section 2 – That this Resolution shall become effective on the date of its passage.

PASSED URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL: September 28, 2017

MAYOR



ATTEST:



CLERK OF URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL

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