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## **NAACP DeKalb Says “Revoke Racist Celebration Permit; Stop the Hate!”**

**Decatur, GA.** The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) DeKalb County Branch is taking a stand against the issuing of a permit for a Confederate event at Stone Mountain Park.

The Stone Mountain Memorial Association (SMMA) recently approved a permit to allow the Sons of Confederate Veterans to host a ceremony at the park in preparation for Confederate Memorial Day. The SMMA has been consistent in their perpetuation of past distortion of history with “The Lost Cause” theory. A revisionist history that gained popularity in the 1890s, that recast the Confederacy’s defeat in a treasonous war for slavery as the real reason for the Civil War.

Lance Hammonds, President of NAACP DeKalb states, “the permit issued to the Sons of Confederate Veterans continues the perpetuation of racial terror in American and should be revoked. We believe that Stone Mountain Park will never be a symbol of unity in Georgia until the Stone Mountain Memorial Association is prepared to tell the whole truth about the Civil War”. Hammonds went on to say that “Germany does not allow the Nazi celebrations in that country because of the remembrance of the racial terror. We need to work against this celebration to allow the racial healing in this country to take place.”

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