

**ORDINANCE**

**CITY OF NEW ORLEANS**

**CITY HALL: December 1, 2015**

**CALENDAR NO. 31,082**

**NO. \_\_\_\_\_ MAYOR COUNCIL SERIES**

**BY: COUNCILMEMBERS WILLIAMS, BROSETT, GRAY AND RAMSEY (BY  
REQUEST)**

**AN ORDINANCE** to declare the monuments erected and maintained to honor Jefferson Davis, located on Jefferson Davis Parkway; General Robert E. Lee, located on Tivoli Circle (commonly known as Lee Circle); the Battle of Liberty Place, located on Iberville Street; and PGT Beauregard on Esplanade Avenue at the entrance to City Park, nuisances pursuant to Section 146-611 of the Code of the City of New Orleans; to revoke any dedication of the Jefferson Davis monument contained in or ordained by Section 3 of Ordinance 6737 N.C.S.; to revoke any dedication of the General Robert E. Lee monument contained in or ordained by Ordinance 4064 A.S.; and to provide otherwise with respect thereto.

**WHEREAS**, on July 9, 2015, Mayor Mitchell J. Landrieu formally requested that the City Council begin the legislative process to consider removing the Jefferson Davis monument, the Robert E. Lee monument, the Battle of Liberty Place monument, and the PGT Beauregard monument, pursuant to Section 146-611 of the Code of the City of New Orleans; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 13, 2015, both the Historic District Landmarks Commission and the Human Relations Commission held public hearings and respectively voted to recommend to the Council removal of the Jefferson Davis monument, the Robert E. Lee monument, the Battle

of Liberty Place monument, and the PGT Beauregard monument, based on the criteria set forth in Section 146-611(b); and

**WHEREAS**, on September 2, 2015, the Vieux Carre Commission held a public hearing and unanimously voted to recommend to the Council removal of the Battle of Liberty Place monument based on the criteria set forth in Section 146-611(b); and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Administrative Officer, the City Attorney, the Superintendent of Police, and the Director of the Department of Property Management each have also submitted recommendations to the Council to remove the Jefferson Davis monument, the Robert E. Lee monument, the Battle of Liberty Place monument, and the PGT Beauregard monument, based on the criteria set forth in Section 146-611(b); and

**WHEREAS**, per Section 146-611(d), the Council may by ordinance declare the Jefferson Davis monument, the Robert E. Lee monument, the Battle of Liberty Place monument, and the PGT Beauregard monument nuisances, and may provide for the removal of the statues from outdoor public display; and

**WHEREAS**, after thoughtful consideration and lengthy public debate, the Council finds that the Jefferson Davis monument, the Robert E. Lee monument, the Battle of Liberty Place monument, and the PGT Beauregard monument, meet all three criteria for removal set forth in Section 146-611(b), and particularly state that they honor, praise, or foster ideologies which are in conflict with the requirements of equal protection for citizens as provided by the constitution and laws of the United States, the state, or the laws of the city and suggests the supremacy of one ethnic, religious, or racial group over another; **NOW THEREFORE:**

1           **SECTION 1. THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS HEREBY**  
2 **ORDAINS**, That the monuments erected and maintained in honor of Jefferson Davis, Robert E.

3 Lee, the Battle of Liberty Place, and PGT Beauregard are nuisances, should be removed from  
4 outdoor public display, and should instead be displayed indoors at an appropriate facility, such as  
5 a museum, or stored, donated (if they have no monetary value), or otherwise disposed of in  
6 accordance with provisions of law.

1 **SECTION 2.** That any dedication of the Jefferson Davis monument contained in or  
2 ordained by Section 3 of Ordinance 6737 N.C.S., be and the same is hereby revoked.

1 **SECTION 3.** That any dedication of the monument to the memory of General Robert E.  
2 Lee, contained in or ordained by Ordinance 4064 A.S., be and the same is hereby revoked.

**ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS** \_\_\_\_\_

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**PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL**

**DELIVERED TO THE MAYOR ON** \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED:**  
**DISAPPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**MAYOR**

**RETURNED BY THE MAYOR ON** \_\_\_\_\_ **AT** \_\_\_\_\_

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**CLERK OF COUNCIL**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**YEAS:**

**NAYS:**

**ABSENT:**