

Legislation Passed on Civil Rights Sites

Three Bills Signed into Law

January 2018 was a great month for U.S. Civil Rights Sites! Three bills were passed by Congress and signed into law.

African American Civil Rights Network created

On January 8, 2018, the African American Civil Rights Network Act of 2017 was signed into law. The bill requires the Department of the Interior to establish the Network within the National Park Service.

[You can read the text of the bill here.](#) Planning has not yet officially started, as the NPS is awaiting an Activation Memo that authorizes the new Network to be developed and implemented.



Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site expanded

On January 12, 2018, the Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site Boundary Modification Act was signed into law. The bill expands the NHS district to include seven privately-owned properties directly across the street from the main school building.

[You can read the text of the bill here.](#)

Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site now a National Historical Park

On January 8, 2018, the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historical Park Act was signed into law. The bill upgrades the MLK, Jr. National Historic Site into a National Historical Park, the first in Georgia. The Park's boundaries now include Prince Hall Masonic Temple, historic headquarters of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.



[You can read the text of the bill here.](#)

US/ICOMOS Resolution

Urges U.S. Leaders to Support World Heritage

US/ICOMOS has produced a resolution urging "the President and Congress of the United States, through the United States Departments of the Interior and State, to remain robustly engaged in, and supportive of, the World Heritage Program and to provide funds to both support World Heritage nominations of sites in the United States and contribute payments to the World Heritage Fund in order to demonstrate leadership in, and support for, the important work of ensuring global peace through the mutual respect of heritage of outstanding universal value."

[Learn more about the resolution and read its full text here.](#)

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