



# MYBILL OF RIGHTS.ORG

THE BILL OF RIGHTS MONUMENT PROJECT

## OUR MISSION

Our mission is to raise awareness of and respect for the freedoms and principles in the Bill of Rights through the creation of monuments and permanent displays in civic spaces across America, beginning with all 50 State Capitols. Our purpose is to elevate the Bill of Rights to its rightful place of prominence in our public square, as a clarion call to the generations that follow to pay heed to America's founding legacy of liberty and justice for all.

## WHY THE BILL OF RIGHTS?

The Bill of Rights is the single most powerful and successful assertion of individual rights and liberties ever written; one of history's most important and influential documents. Its ingenious balance of personal freedoms and political principles has proven dynamic and durable for over two centuries, during which it has become the blueprint for human rights globally, and for the basic demands of people everywhere seeking freedom from oppression.

## WHY MONUMENTS?

Monuments have a unique way of making history visible, tangible, and unforgettable; especially for younger people. They play an invaluable role in passing along our most cherished values, connecting us with our heritage by showing each new generation what the generations before them felt was so important that they literally carved it into stone.

## WHY NOW?

Today the Bill of Rights is barely taught in our schools, and all but invisible in our public square. This is not just a matter of neglecting our history. The freedoms and concepts embedded in the Bill of Rights - powerful ideas like individual liberty, institutional checks and balances, equality under the law, and the free exchange of ideas - are just as essential to our future. The commitment to pass them along to the generations that follow is a basic responsibility of citizenship.