

1/29/2016

Gov. Nikki Haley

Governor's Mansion,

Columbia S.C.

Dear Governor Haley:

I am a retired American, father of two children who are half Mexican. Having admired you as a person who, like my children, must have faced down bigotry, I was very disappointed when you ordered the removal of our flag, the beloved symbol of Southern independence.

You said "Our people won't allow hate to win". But what about your own hate? Do you want to unleash a righteous backlash by all honorable Southerners just so you can placate one strident minority?

My dear governor, it was the Machine Age that ended slavery. The ignominious War of Northern Aggression merely affirmed the tyranny of Northern economic interests over our Southern ancestors whom you seem to have forgotten.

If our forefathers had won their just struggle we would now be free to live in whichever of two societies we preferred, unfettered by the insanities of forced bussing, affirmative action, and the cowardly profanation of our sacred Southern heritage.

Sincerely,

John Jay

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Jay", is positioned to the right of the typed name. The signature is fluid and cursive.