

10 Commandments Monument Returns to Kentucky Capitol Grounds

The Ten Commandments are once again taking their place on the grounds of Kentucky's state Capitol, marking a powerful return of one of the most enduring symbols of moral law and religious heritage in American history.

As reported by The Christian Post, House Joint Resolution 15 passed decisively in both chambers of the Republican-controlled legislature and became law Thursday without the signature of Gov. Andy Beshear.

The resolution authorizes the return of a granite Ten Commandments monument originally donated in 1971 by the Kentucky State Aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. Removed in the 1980s during construction, and later blocked by a court decision in 2002, the monument will now be restored to its original location within 180 days.

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Supporters are praising the move as a restoration of both heritage and religious liberty. "We applaud the Kentucky legislature for restoring a part of Kentucky's history," said Roger Byron, senior counsel for First Liberty Institute. He emphasized, "There is a long history and tradition of public monuments and displays that recognize the unique and important role the Ten Commandments have played in state and national history."

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Vic Jeffries of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie, the

organization that donated the original monument, expressed joy at its return: “We’re glad to have ours back where it belongs.”

While some opposition was voiced, the overwhelming support from lawmakers and advocates highlights a growing recognition of the foundational role the Ten Commandments have played not just in Kentucky, but in the broader American story.

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For centuries, the Ten Commandments have served as a moral compass, shaping the legal and ethical framework of Western civilization.

In the United States, they’ve inspired laws, influenced cultural values and provided a clear standard of right and wrong. America’s founding was deeply rooted in biblical principles, and the values found in the Ten Commandments—honor, justice, integrity and reverence for God—are woven into the fabric of the nation’s identity.

The return of this monument is more than a symbolic gesture; it’s a reminder of where we came from—and a call to remember the moral foundations that continue to guide us today.

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