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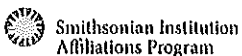
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Mr. John "Mac" Healy, Chair
NC Civil War & Reconstruction History Center Foundation
Post Office Box 53865
Fayetteville, NC 28305

Dear Mac:

First, thank you for all that you, Mary Lynn Bryan, and the Board of Directors have done to make the NC Civil War & Reconstruction History Center a reality. It has been a long road since the initial State appropriation in 2006 of \$1,000,000 was awarded in planning monies. As you know, since the beginning the State of North Carolina has been a full partner with the Foundation in the planning and development of the History Center. We are pleased that over that same period the State has invested an additional \$64.6 million in its development as evidence of the State's commitment to the History Center.

As we have communicated many times in the past, once complete, the History Center will become a State Museum in the North Carolina Division of State History Museums. The History Center will replace the current Museum of the Cape Fear which is part of the Division of State History Museums and will be managed and operated consistent with the other State history museums. Once construction is satisfactorily completed, the History Center will be transferred to state ownership and will be operated by staff of the Museum of the Cape Fear along with additional staff members that will be added. The Division of State History Museums is part of the North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

We look forward to completion of the third and final phase of construction and the opening of the new History Center. Thank you to everyone for their continued hard work.

Sincerely,

Kenneth B. Howard
Director, Division of State History Museums

CC: Darin Waters

DIVISIONAL MUSEUMS

Museum of the Albemarle - Elizabeth City • Museum of the Cape Fear - Fayetteville
North Carolina Maritime Museum - Beaufort • North Carolina Maritime Museum - Southport
Mountain Gateway Museum - Old Fort • Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum - Hatteras