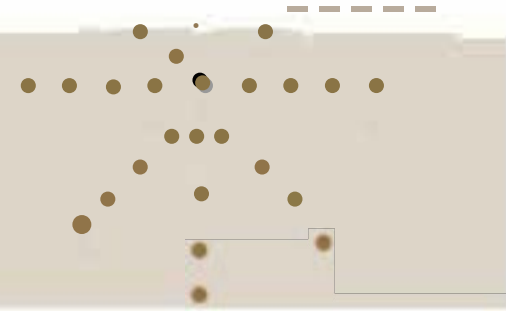


# Petition for NAACP National Monument at Springfield



## Urge President Biden to Designate Springfield National Monument

Dear President Biden,

We urge you to designate the site of the 1908 Springfield Race Riot as a National Monument. The Springfield site tells the tragic story of the lynching of Black people and the destruction of their homes. The site is also a testament to the resilience, leadership and courage of the Black community in the aftermath and lifts up the founding of the NAACP in 1909 as a response to the massacre.

A Springfield Race Riot National Monument would be the only unit in the National Park System that highlights both the tragedy of mass violence against Black communities and the triumph of Black agency. This is a critical story to tell through our National Park System especially as a counter to the organized efforts underway to erase Black history and the crucial contributions Black communities have made to this country.

The national healing of racial trauma will come only when we collectively acknowledge the actual historical events that took place. Telling the story of the Springfield Race Riot through our National Park Service will help us, as a nation, in that healing process.

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