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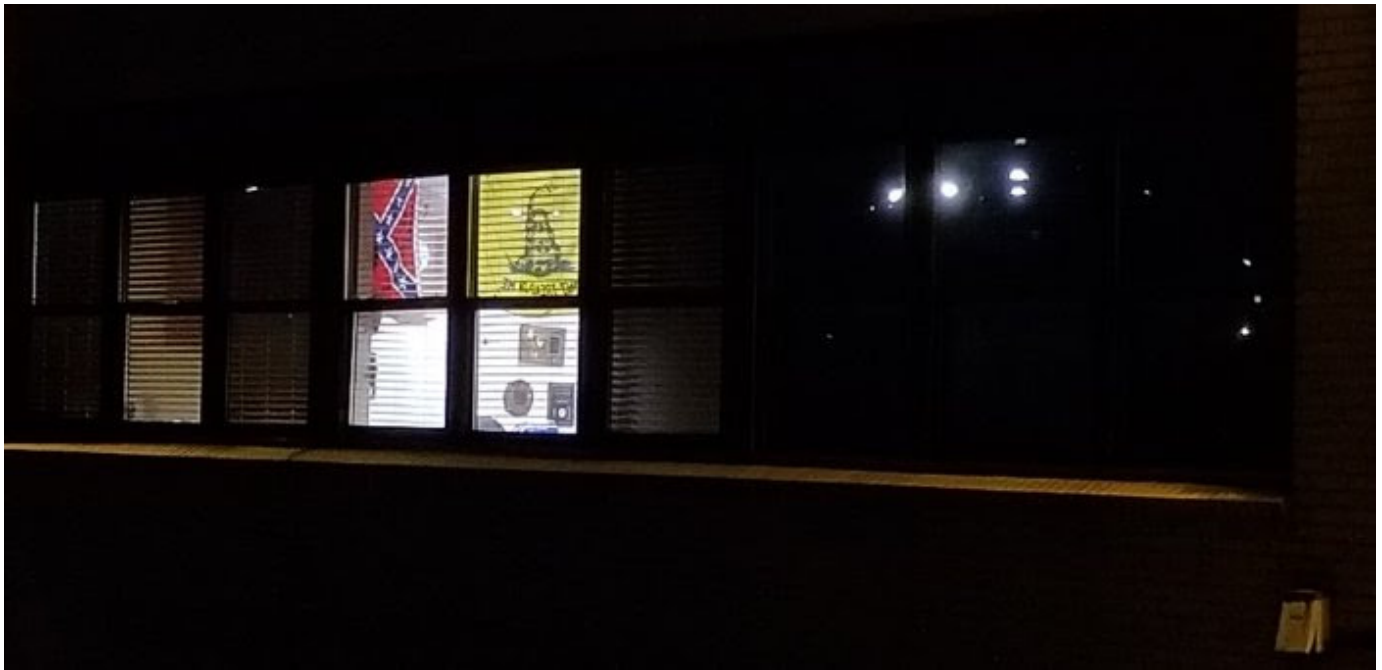
## New York State Legislature Passes Legislation Keeping Symbols of Hate Off of Public Property

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*Legislation was introduced following incidents on Long Island where Confederate Flags were displayed on Fire Trucks and on Public Property*



**ALBANY, NY (June 11, 2021)** - This week, the New York State Assembly passed legislation introduced by **State Senator Anna M. Kaplan** (D-North Hills) and **Assemblymember Michaëlle Solages** (D-Elmont), [S.4615A/A.5402A](#), that will ensure symbols of hate are prohibited from being displayed on public property and taxpayer funded equipment throughout the state of New York. The action in the Assembly followed action by the State Senate, who passed the legislation in May.

The legislation comes following a [widely reported incident last year](#) involving the display of a confederate flag on a fire truck in a parade in Suffolk County, and following the revelation of a confederate flag being displayed in a window at a fire department in Nassau County.

"You'd think it was common sense that taxpayer property can't be used as a platform for hate, but shockingly there's no law saying so." said **bill sponsor Senator Anna M. Kaplan**.

"Public property belongs to all of us, and this measure is critical to ensure that our public property isn't used to promote hatred. I'm proud that, together with my partner Assemblymember Michaëlle Solages, we were able to get this legislation passed through both

houses of the Legislature, and I look forward to the Governor signing it into law this year. It's simply too important, and we can't wait any longer to get it done."

"Hate-inspired symbols will never be tolerated in our state, and I am proud to partner with Senator Anna Kaplan to ensure that all municipal corporations adhere to that very sentiment," stated **Assemblymember Michaëlle Solages**. "Now more than ever, it is imperative that New York State stands firm and consistent in our commitment to denouncing hate, bigotry, and intolerance in all its forms."

The legislation, [S.4615A/A.5402A](#), will

- **Prohibit the selling or displaying of symbols of hate on public property:** Expanding on legislation enacted last year ([S.8298B](#)), the bill will prohibit municipal corporations, towns, cities, villages, fire districts, volunteer fire companies, or police departments from selling or displaying symbols of hate, except when the display is for educational or historical purposes.

Following passage in both houses of the legislature, the bill now goes to the Governor.

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Prohibits the selling or displaying of symbols of hate by municipalities, fire districts, volunteer fire companies, police departments and school districts

February 08, 2021

Signed by Governor

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Do you support this bill?