

# Local Legislative Priorities 2020-22

## The James A. Garfield Civil War Round Table

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*Legislative Mission Statement:* The James A. Garfield Civil War Round Table, the Regional Civil War Round Table for Southeast Cuyahoga County, Ohio, is committed to seeking legislation and policies that benefits not only the region we serve, and the principle subject-matter that we study and promote, but other cultural organizations, historic sites, and the American People.

Our Local Legislative Priorities for the 2020 through 2022 are:

### **James A. Garfield State Historic Corridor:**

- Ohio is the “Mother of Presidents,” and we should celebrate our state’s place in Presidential History by honoring the Presidents from Ohio along the paths they traveled. A State Historic Corridor along Historic US 20 from (at the very least) Public Square in Cleveland to Public Square in Painesville will *ceremonially* designate the roadway in honor of President Garfield, but also link approximately 20 sites along Route 20 that are significant to the Garfield Family.
- The James A. Garfield Civil War Round Table would appreciate resolutions of support from municipalities and townships for this effort.

### **Protection of Cultural and Historical Sites; Strengthening of Penalties for those who Vandalize or Damage Cultural and Historical Sites:**

- Within the past several months, a significant number of historical and cultural sites, as a result of civil unrest, were damaged – sometimes permanently and irreparably – or destroyed, and in most of these instances, those who committed the crime were never caught. Legislation at the Federal, State and Local levels (that would be consistent with Federal statutes against these types of crime) to punish those who damage these Sites would serve as a deterrent for these types of crimes. Legislation would seek both enhanced penalties, but the allowance of Judges to have options when sentencing those who commit these types of crimes.

**Partnering with Municipalities and Townships to Honor those who Fought in the Civil War:**

- The James A. Garfield Civil War Round Table would like to partner with communities to honor their Civil War dead... especially if they were members of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Ohio Volunteer Infantry Regiment.

**Support for America250**

- Support for efforts geared towards the 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the United States of America in 2026, including resource, material, and financial support to States, Local Governments, and Historical Organizations, to facilitate patriotic, historical, and other educational programming.

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