

Passed as Amended

2023-04 — Regarding the Repair Act (The Harriet Tubman Community Investment Act)

Resolved, that the 239th Convention of the Diocese of Maryland calls upon the Maryland General Assembly, commencing January 10, 2024, to pass the Repair Act for the purpose of establishing the Harriet Tubman Community Investment Commission to develop and administer a program for the provision of benefits to the descendants of individuals enslaved in the State; and to communities victimized by the impact of racism; which may take the form of securing of low-interest home and business loans, and tuition reimbursement; and, community investment, including infrastructure; and be it further

Resolved, that the secretary of convention be instructed to share this resolution with Senate President Ferguson, Senate Majority Leader King, Senate Minority Leader Simonaire, Speaker of the House Jones, and House Minority Leader Buckel; and Delegate Joseline A. Pena-Melnyk, Chair, Delegate Arian B. Kelly, Vice-Chair and members of the Health and Government Operations Committee and be it further

Resolved, that all clergy and lay members of the Diocese of Maryland and their partners in mission be invited to become advocates for passage of this Act and be encouraged to contact their state and local representatives to voice their support. And include advocacy for access to community health initiatives for communities victimized by the impact of racism.