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NYC PARKS TO REMOVE MONUMENT OF DR. JAMES MARION SIMS

DATE: Tuesday, April 17, 2018

TIME: 8:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Central Park
103rd Street and Fifth Avenue
MANHATTAN

**EVENT &
PHOTO-OP:**

By order of Mayor Bill de Blasio, NYC Parks will remove the monument to Dr. James Marion Sims. This order was given following the recommendations of the Mayoral Advisory Commission on City Art, Monuments, and Markers. Plans are being developed to commission a new work at this site. A temporary sign will be placed at the site tomorrow following removal.

Tom Finkelpearl, Commissioner of the Department of Cultural Affairs Commissioner and Dr. Aletha Maybank, Deputy Commissioner and Founding Director of the Center for Health Equity, NYC Health Department, will be available on-site for comment.

DETAILS:

Dr. James Marion Sims (1813–1883) was a noted obstetrician and gynecologist whose medical advances were achieved through practice of surgical techniques on enslaved Black women.

The statue of Dr. James Marion Sims has been relocated to Green-Wood Cemetery in Brooklyn, where Sims is buried. Plans are being developed to commission a new monument on this site.