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Dear People,

This letter is written in support of your call and others, including Community Board 11 and NYC Council Speaker Melissa Mark Viverito, to urge and demand that the New York City Parks Department remove the statue of Dr. J. Marion Sims from Fifth Avenue and 103rd Street.

The statue is a reprehensible celebration of a heinous racist and anti-female history. It represents a dishonorable past in our country and, as long as this statue remains in our neighborhood, it is a reminder that we have yet to honestly and forthrightly confront this sordid history. The statue is particularly offensive to African American, Latino/a people and other people of color. It is also offensive to white people who reject white supremacy in all its forms and manifestations.

I strongly urge immediate action to remove the statue from our community.

Feel free to use my letter publicly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pat Fry", with a small flourish at the end.

Pat Fry