

Public Law 115–51  
115th Congress

An Act

To authorize the Global War on Terror Memorial Foundation to establish the National Global War on Terrorism Memorial as a commemorative work in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

Aug. 18, 2017  
[H.R. 873]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

Global War on  
Terrorism War  
Memorial Act.  
40 USC 8903  
note.

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the “Global War on Terrorism War Memorial Act”.

**SEC. 2. NATIONAL GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM MEMORIAL.**

(a) **AUTHORIZATION TO ESTABLISH COMMEMORATIVE WORK.**—The Association may establish the National Global War on Terrorism Memorial as a commemorative work on Federal land in the District of Columbia and its environs to commemorate and honor the members of the Armed Forces that served on active duty in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

(b) **COMPLIANCE WITH STANDARDS FOR COMMEMORATIVE WORKS ACT.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Except as provided in paragraph 2, the establishment of the memorial under this section shall be in accordance with chapter 89 of title 40, United States Code (commonly known as the “Commemorative Works Act”).

(2) **NON-APPLICABILITY.**—Subsections (b) and (c) of section 8903 of title 40, United States Code, shall not apply to this Act.

(c) **USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS PROHIBITED.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Federal funds may not be used to pay any expense of the establishment of the memorial under this section.

(2) **RESPONSIBILITY OF ASSOCIATION.**—The Association shall be solely responsible for acceptance of contributions for, and payment of the expenses of, the establishment of the memorial.

(d) **DEPOSIT OF EXCESS FUNDS.**—If, on payment of all expenses for the establishment of the memorial (including the maintenance and preservation amount required by section 8906(b)(1) of title 40, United States Code), or on expiration of the authority for the memorial under section 8903(e) of title 40, United States Code, there remains a balance of funds received for the establishment of the memorial, the Association shall transmit the amount of the balance to the Secretary of the Interior for deposit in the account provided for in section 8906(b)(3) of title 40, United States Code.

**SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

In this Act:

(1) ASSOCIATION.—The term “Association” means the Global War on Terror Memorial Foundation, a corporation that is—

(A) organized under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania; and

(B) described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of that Code.

(2) DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AND ITS ENVIRONS.—The term “District of Columbia and its environs” has the meaning given that term in section 8902(a) of title 40, United States Code.

(3) GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM.—The term “Global War on Terrorism” means any contingency operation conducted by the Armed Forces in response to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, or other terrorist attack.

(4) MEMORIAL.—The term “memorial” means the National Global War on Terrorism Memorial authorized to be established under section 2.

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