

PETITION FOR APPROVAL TO PERMANENTLY RELOCATE

OBJECT OF REMEMBRANCE

Introduction

This is a petition (the "Petition") submitted to the North Carolina Historical Commission pursuant to N.C. Gen Stat. § 100-2.1 requesting approval for the permanent relocation of an object of remembrance known as the Purple Heart Memorial to the headquarter of the North Carolina Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. This proposed relocation is necessitated by the upcoming demolition of the Department of Administration building.

Parties

1. Petitioner, Pamela B. Cashwell, is the Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Administration.
2. The North Carolina Department of Administration is charged with the duty to locate, maintain, and care for monuments, memorials, and markers located on public grounds. N.C Gen. Stat. § 143-341(8)(a).
3. The North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources operates certain properties within the State that have historical and cultural significance. See N.C. Gen. Stat. § 143B-51(a).
4. The North Carolina Historical Commission (the "Commission") is charged with promulgating "rules and regulations to be followed in the acquisition, disposition, preservation, and use of records, artifacts, real and personal property." N.C. Gen. Stat. § 143B-62.

Property

5. As detailed in Exhibit 1, the Purple Heart Memorial is a red and pink granite tablestone style marker with a single base. The Memorial was dedicated on August 7, 2004.
6. The Memorial is located on the 200 block of N. Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina, on the grounds of the N.C. State Administration Building, directly across the street is the North Carolina Legislature building.

Jurisdiction

7. The Commission has jurisdiction to approve the Petition pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 100-2.1(b). (Establishing that no "monument, memorial, or work of art owned by the State may ... be removed, relocated, or altered in any way without the approval of the North Carolina Historical Commission").

Grounds for Relocation and Necessity for Prompt Review

8. The Monument is located on property of the State of North Carolina. Appropriate measures are required by the State to ensure the Monument's preservation.
9. The current location is on the property of the Administration Building, which is being prepared for demolition. The proposal is to move the Memorial to the North Carolina Department of Military and Veterans Affairs site at 413 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. The proposed relocation would protect and preserve the Memorial as its current location is demolished.
10. Time is of the essence in approving the Petition and proceeding with the proposed relocation of the Monument.

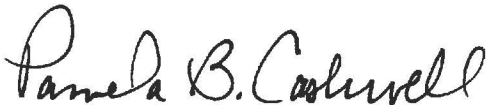
Requested Relief

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays that the Commission:

- I. Deems this Petition properly filed and promptly considers it at the Commission's next meeting;
2. Promptly approves the Petition and authorizes the proposed permanent relocation; and
3. Awards Petitioner such other relief as the Commission deems proper and equitable.

This the 31st day of August 2023.

NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION



Pamela B. Cashwell, Secretary