

## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JML 25-047

## FRENCH QUARTER TERRORISM ATTACK MEMORIAL COMMISSION

WHEREAS, in the early morning hours of January 1, 2025, at approximately 3:15 a.m., a vehicle was deliberately driven into a crowd on Bourbon Street in an act of terrorism, resulting in multiple fatalities and numerous injuries;

WHEREAS, the victims, their families, and their friends are enduring unimaginable pain and loss, and this senseless act of violence has deeply affected the fabric of our community, calling for strength, solidarity, and a commitment to collective healing during this time of grief;

WHEREAS, the victims of this attack will forever be remembered in Louisiana;

WHEREAS, in order to honor those killed, those who survived, and those whose lives were changed forever by the terrorist attack, a memorial should be permanently displayed in New Orleans;

WHEREAS, all those affected by this tragedy should have a space to not only honor, cherish, and respect the memories of those lost, but also gain some comfort, strength, peace, hope, and serenity;

NOW THEREFORE, I, JEFF LANDRY, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

Section 1: The French Quarter Terrorism Attack Memorial Commission is hereby established within the Office of the Governor.

<u>Section 2</u>: The Commission shall be comprised as follows:

A. Five family members of victims or victims of the attack. Other victims or victims' family members may serve as ex-officio members of the Commission.

- B. The First Lady of Louisiana, or her designee.
- C. The Senior Coordinator for Victims Advocacy in the Office of the Governor, who shall serve as its chair.
- D. The Lieutenant Governor, or his designee.
- E. The President of the Louisiana State Senate, or his designee.
- F. The Speaker of the House of Representatives, or his designee.
- G. The Mayor of New Orleans, or her designee.
- H. The New Orleans City Council President, or her designee.
- I. A resident of the French Quarter.
- J. A business owner in the French Quarter.
- K. A law enforcement officer.

Section 3: The Commission shall make a recommendation to the Governor within one year of this executive order for the establishment of a permanent memorial in the City of New Orleans in honor of the victims of the attack.

<u>Section 4</u>: The Commission shall meet monthly or at the call of the chair.

<u>Section 5</u>: The Commission shall consider all possible revenues to fund the memorial, including public and private sources.

<u>Section 6:</u> The Commission shall be staffed by the Office of the Governor.

Section 7: The Commission shall welcome input, via public comment and any other means, from all interested parties.

Section 8: All departments, commissions, boards, offices, entities, agencies, and officers of the State of Louisiana, or any political subdivision thereof, are authorized and directed to cooperate with the Commission in implementing the provisions of this Order.

Section 9: This Order is effective upon signature.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2025.

au Jeff Landry

**GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA** 

ATTEST BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE

andres Nancy Landry SECRETARY OF STATE