

**§ 450rr-5. Sense of Congress regarding conduct of future activities**

It is the sense of Congress that research and limited exploration activities concerning the R.M.S. Titanic should continue for the purpose of enhancing public knowledge of its scientific, cultural, and historical significance: *Provided*, That, pending adoption of the international agreement described in section 450rr-4(a) of this title or implementation of the international guidelines described in section 450rr-3 of this title, no person should conduct any such research or exploration activity which would physically alter, disturb, or salvage the R.M.S. Titanic.

(Pub. L. 99-513, § 7, Oct. 21, 1986, 100 Stat. 2084.)

**§ 450rr-6. Disclaimer of extraterritorial sovereignty**

By enactment of sections 450rr to 450rr-6 of this title, the United States does not assert sovereignty, or sovereign or exclusive rights or jurisdiction over, or the ownership of, any marine areas or the R.M.S. Titanic.

(Pub. L. 99-513, § 8, Oct. 21, 1986, 100 Stat. 2084.)

**§ 450ss. Findings and purposes**

Congress finds that—

(1) few events in the past quarter-century have rocked Americans' perception of themselves and their institutions, and brought together the people of our Nation with greater intensity than the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in downtown Oklahoma City;

(2) the resulting deaths of 168 people, some of whom were children, immediately touched thousands of family members whose lives will forever bear scars of having those precious to them taken away so brutally;

(3) suffering with such families are countless survivors, including children, who struggle not only with the suffering around them, but their own physical and emotional injuries and with shaping a life beyond April 19;

(4) such losses and struggles are personal and, since they resulted from so public an attack, they are also shared with a community, a Nation, and the world;

(5) the story of the bombing does not stop with the attack itself or with the many losses it caused. The responses of Oklahoma's public servants and private citizens, and those from throughout the Nation, remain as a testament to the sense of unity, compassion, even heroism, that characterized the rescue and recovery following the bombing;

(6) during the days immediately following the Oklahoma City bombing, Americans and people from around the world of all races, political philosophies, religions and walks of life responded with unprecedented solidarity and selflessness; and

(7) given the national and international impact and reaction, the Federal character of the site of the bombing, and the significant percentage of the victims and survivors who were Federal employees, the Oklahoma City Memorial will be established, designed, managed and

maintained to educate present and future generations, through a public/private partnership, to work together efficiently and respectfully in developing a National Memorial relating to all aspects of the April 19, 1995, bombing in Oklahoma City.

(Pub. L. 105-58, § 2, Oct. 9, 1997, 111 Stat. 1261.)

SHORT TITLE OF 2004 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 108-199, div. F, title V, § 544(a), Jan. 23, 2004, 118 Stat. 347, provided that: "This section [amending sections 450ss-1 to 450ss-3 and 450ss-5 of this title, repealing sections 450ss-4, 450ss-6, and 450ss-7 of this title, and enacting provisions set out as notes under sections 450ss-3 and 450ss-4 of this title] may be cited as the 'Oklahoma City National Memorial Act Amendments of 2003'."

SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 105-58, § 1, Oct. 9, 1997, 111 Stat. 1261, provided that: "This Act [enacting this section and sections 450ss-1 to 450ss-7 of this title] may be cited as the 'Oklahoma City National Memorial Act of 1997'."

**§ 450ss-1. Definitions**

In sections 450ss to 450ss-7 of this title:

**(1) Foundation**

The term "Foundation" means the Oklahoma City National Memorial Foundation, a not-for-profit corporation that is—

(A) described in section 501(c)(3) of title 26;

(B) exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of such title; and

(C) dedicated to the support of the Memorial.

**(2) Memorial**

The term "Memorial" means the Oklahoma City National Memorial designated under section 450ss-2(a) of this title.

**(3) Secretary**

The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Interior.

**(4) Trust**

The term "Trust" means the Oklahoma City National Memorial Trust.

(Pub. L. 105-58, § 3, Oct. 9, 1997, 111 Stat. 1262; Pub. L. 108-199, div. F, title V, § 544(b), Jan. 23, 2004, 118 Stat. 347.)

AMENDMENTS

2004—Pub. L. 108-199 added par. (1), redesignated former pars. (1) to (3) as pars. (2) to (4), respectively, and struck out "designated under section 450ss-3(a) of this title" before the period in par. (4).

**§ 450ss-2. Oklahoma City National Memorial**

(a) In order to preserve for the benefit and inspiration of the people of the United States and the world, as a National Memorial certain lands located in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, there is established as an affiliate of the National Park System the Oklahoma City National Memorial.

(b) ADMINISTRATION OF MEMORIAL.—The Foundation shall administer the Memorial in accordance with sections 450ss to 450ss-7 of this title and the general objectives of the "Memorial Mission Statement", adopted March 26, 1996, by the Foundation.

(c) The Memorial area shall be comprised of the lands, facilities and structures generally de-