



March 8, 2024

The Honorable Deb Haaland  
Secretary  
United States Department of Interior  
1849 C Street, NW  
Washington D.C. 20240

Dear Secretary Haaland:

The National Desert Storm Memorial Association hereby requests the issuance of an administrative extension pursuant to the "Commemorative Works Act", U.S. Code Title 40 U.S.C., Section 8903 (e) (2), based on the following:

a.) **Final Design Approval.** Both the National Capital Planning Commission (effective Dec 1, 2022) and the Commission of Fine Arts (effective Oct 20, 2022) have given final approval of the design for the Desert Shield and Desert Storm Memorial as required by the "Commemorative Works Act," 40 U.S.C., Sect 8903.

b.) **Available Funds.** As of February 29, 2024, the National Desert Storm Memorial Association has raised a total of \$33.6 million (including pledges, cash, and in-kind contributions) out of a total project budget of \$40.1 million, or 84%. Funds raised for construction and maintenance costs as of February 29, 2024 total \$29.9 million, or 81% of the construction and maintenance costs. Both calculations exceed the 75% fundraising requirement for an administrative extension.

Based on achieving the aforementioned requirements, the National Desert Storm Memorial Association respectfully requests an administrative extension to Public Law 109-54, Section 134 (August 2, 2005).

Sincerely,

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CEO/President  
National Desert Storm Memorial Association

cc: Charles Sams III, Director, National Park Service  
Kim Hall, National Capital Area Director, National Park Service