

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2549

To authorize the Pines Foundation to establish the Fire Island AIDS Memorial, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 1, 2025

Mr. GARBARINO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Fire Island AIDS Me-
5 morial Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PURPOSES.**

7 The purposes of the Act are—

8 (1) to honor and remember the many residents
9 of Fire Island Pines and Cherry Grove, New York,
10 who suffered and died from the AIDS epidemic; and

1 (2) to educate future generations about the
2 AIDS epidemic and the impact of the AIDS epi-
3 demic on the Fire Island communities in the State
4 of New York.

5 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

6 In this Act:

7 (1) DIRECTOR.—The term “Director” means
8 the Director of the National Park Service.

9 (2) FOUNDATION.—The term “Foundation”
10 means the Pines Foundation.

11 (3) MEMORIAL.—The term “Memorial” means
12 the Fire Island AIDS Memorial authorized to be es-
13 tablished under section 4(a).

14 **SEC. 4. FIRE ISLAND AIDS MEMORIAL.**

15 (a) AUTHORIZATION TO ESTABLISH MEMORIAL.—
16 The Foundation may establish and maintain a memorial
17 at Fire Island National Seashore to honor the residents
18 of Fire Island who died of AIDS, to be known as the “Fire
19 Island AIDS Memorial”.

20 (b) USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS PROHIBITED.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—Federal funds may not be
22 used to design, procure, prepare, install, or maintain
23 the Memorial.

24 (2) NON-FEDERAL FUNDS.—The Director may
25 accept and expend contributions of non-Federal

1 funds and resources for the purposes described in
2 paragraph (1).

3 (c) LOCATION OF MEMORIAL.—The Director may
4 allow the Memorial to be established in the area of the
5 Fire Island National Seashore located along the walkway
6 between the Fire Island Pines and Cherry Grove and adja-
7 cent to the Carrington House.

8 (d) DESIGN OF MEMORIAL.—The final design of the
9 Memorial shall be subject to the approval of the Director.

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