

Public Law 94-160  
94th Congress

An Act

Dec. 20, 1975  
[H.R. 2724]

To provide for establishment of the Father Marquette National Memorial near Saint Ignace, Michigan, and for other purposes.

Father Marquette  
National  
Memorial, Mich.  
Establishment.  
16 USC 431 note.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the area of Saint Ignace, Michigan, is recognized as an appropriate location for a national memorial to commemorate Father Jacques Marquette, who was buried there in 1678, and that the Secretary of the Interior (hereinafter referred to as the "Secretary") is authorized to take appropriate action, as hereinafter provided, to commemorate the advent and history of Father Marquette in North America, including his establishment of a mission at Saint Ignace in 1671, and his historic exploration, in company with Louis Joliet, of the Mississippi River in 1673.

16 USC 431 note.

SEC. 2. The Secretary shall enter into an agreement, satisfactory to him, with the Governor of the State of Michigan providing for the location, design, construction, and operation by the State of Michigan of the Father Marquette National Memorial in the area of Saint Ignace, Michigan. Upon conclusion of that agreement, and when in the opinion of the Secretary sufficient lands have been acquired by the State of Michigan to constitute an efficiently administrable memorial for the purposes of this Act, the Secretary is authorized to designate the Father Marquette National Memorial by publication of notice thereof in the Federal Register.

Publication in  
Federal Register.

16 USC 431 note.

SEC. 3. In conjunction with the development and operation of the memorial provided for by this Act, the Secretary is authorized to render to the State of Michigan such assistance, including, but not limited to, technical advice and grants of funds for land acquisition and development, as he deems appropriate to promote public understanding and appreciation of the significant role of Jacques Marquette in the history of the Nation: *Provided*, That before any such assistance is rendered by the Secretary, the agreement referred to in section 2 of this Act shall have been concluded.

Appropriation  
authorization.  
16 USC 431 note.

SEC. 4. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums, but not to exceed \$1,000,000, as may be necessary for assistance rendered by the Secretary pursuant to the provisions of this Act.

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