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# DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER M E M O R I A L C O M M I S S I O N

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## **STATEMENT FOLLOWING THE NATIONAL CAPITAL PLANNING COMMISSION'S APPROVAL OF THE DESIGN FOR THE NATIONAL EISENHOWER MEMORIAL**

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**JULY 9, 2015: WASHINGTON, DC** – The design for the National Eisenhower Memorial today received Final Approval from the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC). The NCPC's approval is the second, and final, Federal approval granted in less than a month. Along with the Final Approval received last month from the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts, this completes the federal approval process for the memorial's design.

U.S. Senator Pat Roberts (R-KS), Chairman of the Eisenhower Memorial Commission (EMC), commented on this significant milestone in the memorial's journey toward completion:

*"This is an important day for those of us who are committed to memorializing Dwight D. Eisenhower - a brilliant military strategist, a visionary world leader, a man who saved Western democracy, and a proud Kansan. The approval granted today is the last of the federal reviews required before construction can begin. This effort, established by law in 1999, has now been underway for more than fifteen years. During that time, we've had a strenuous debate and serious discussion. We've balanced a wide variety of ideas and visions that have led to significant changes and improvements. And we have allowed the entire process to be voted on at many levels and many stages. Today, we come to the conclusion of the design process, and it's my belief we can finish a memorial that is fitting for a man who has given so much to our freedom. Washington. Jefferson. Lincoln. Roosevelt. Eisenhower deserves that very rare place in our history that only this memorial can ensure."*

Eisenhower Memorial Commission Vice Chairman Rep. Mike Thompson (D-CA5) added:

*"President Eisenhower was a truly international figure, revered by millions. Located in the capital of the free world, his memorial will receive visitors from across America and around the globe. It's time to put aside the squabbling and attacks and move forward to give to the American people, to Ike's remaining troops, and to the world, a great memorial to a great man."*

**EISENHOWER MEMORIAL COMMISSION:** Created by Congress, the bipartisan commission includes eight members of Congress and four Presidential appointees. <http://www.eisenhowermemorial.org/#/commission/mission>

