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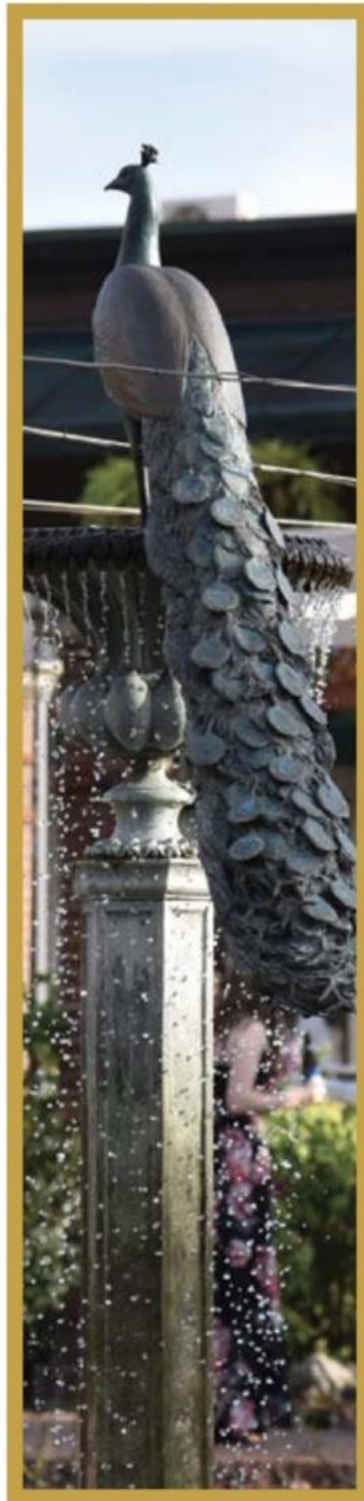
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"ONE WORD FREES US OF ALL THE WEIGHT AND PAIN OF LIFE: THAT WORD IS LOVE." – SOPHOCLES

»» BY ZQ TAYLOR

### ***At the Heart of it All***

Today, the Pulse Memorial includes viewing areas, an offering wall, a digital guest book, and the Survivor Grove, which is a green space to sit and reflect. The building is encased by the spectacular Ribbon Wall of Photographs depicting images and artifacts collected by the Orange County Regional History Center. At the original Pulse nightclub sign are panels for guests to write messages.

For visitors, the Pulse Memorial experience renders a beguiling balance of loss and resilience, of stark poignancy and defiant vibrancy.

"I really wanted to make sure the site would always remain memorialized, forever," says Barbara Poma, the nightclub's owner, who established

the onePULSE Foundation, an educational nonprofit organization to ensure a legacy of love, acceptance, and hope.

The Foundation's mission is to create and support a memorial that opens hearts, a museum that opens minds, educational programs that open eyes, and endowed scholarships that open doors. In these ways, Poma believes the Pulse heritage of love will endure forever.

Poma gathered a small working group to envision what could be. They focused on inclusivity, diversity, and involving local people vested in the community. "The journey for this memorial process is a very long and emotional one, and it takes people who are completely committed to it to see it through," she adds.

### **Pulse Memorial by the Numbers**

49

The number of souls lost during the attack on June 12, 2016

68

The number of wounded survivors

6

The words that emerged from the Foundation's memorial survey: love, hope, unity, acceptance, courage, strength

1

Comprehensive campus, one pulse

30,000

Anticipated square footage for the Museum

300

Visitors per day at the Pulse Interim Memorial

2022

The year of project completion

55,000

Visitors to date

3

The number of project design elements: Memorial, Museum, Survivors Walk

600,000

Projected annual visitors to the National Pulse Memorial and Museum

7,000

Number of artifacts to be showcased at the Museum

225

Number of oral histories captured to preserve the voices of Pulse

## ONE PULSE, A THOUSAND HEARTBEATS: VISITING THE PULSE MEMORIAL

LOVE is perhaps the most fabled four-letter word. Love is the stuff of legends and history. It is said to conquer all.

At the Pulse Interim Memorial in the SODO district of downtown Orlando, love is as palpable as Florida's ever-present humidity — you can't help but feel it all around you.

Dedicated to honoring the 49 souls taken on June 12, 2016, the Pulse Memorial offers a beacon of hope and determination that love will always triumph over hate. This interim shrine is situated at the site of the former Pulse nightclub and will morph into the permanent National Pulse Memorial and Museum.

### ***From the Ground Up***

Communities are built on more than hammers and nails. Our Central Florida community is known to its residents, its neighborhoods, and its visitors as a happy place built on imagination, beauty, and strength. So, as we would expect, the focus of the memorial will be the victims, the survivors, and first responders, not the tragic event.

The National Pulse Memorial will incorporate portions of the Pulse nightclub, where people went to listen to music, dance, to be their authentic selves in a completely accepting space.

The Pulse Museum will embody the global response of love in the aftermath of the attack and house a permanent collection of artifacts and archives.

Survivors Walk will be a pedestrian pathway intended to trace the three-block journey many victims and survivors took to get to the Orlando Regional Medical Center following the shooting.

An international design competition is underway to craft these three iconic remembrance elements with the goals of fostering acceptance and changing mindsets — a place that eradicates hate.

Up to six architectural design proposals will be selected from all entries and placed on a

shortlist. The Orange County Regional History Center will display these shortlist submissions beginning late September 2019, with opportunity for public comments. The onePULSE website will post a digital exhibit of the shortlisted designs.

This is a juried design competition. The jury comprises onePULSE stakeholders, civic and global thought leaders, and world-renowned architects. The winning team and design will be announced in late October 2019.

### ***Know Before You Go***

The onePULSE website and Facebook page are loaded with great information for planning your visit, volunteering, or donating. The onePULSE Foundation is a 501(c)(3), which is a nonprofit organization allowing tax-deductible donor contributions.

The Pulse Interim Memorial is located at 1912 S. Orange Avenue in Orlando and is open daily from 7:30 AM to 9:00 PM, with extended hours during Remembrance Week and holidays.

For more information, please visit <https://onepulsefoundation.org> or [www.facebook.com/pulseorlando](http://www.facebook.com/pulseorlando).





June 12, 2019  
A TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

onePULSE Foundation,  
City of Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer,  
and Orange County Mayor Jerry Demings  
invite you to the

## **Three-Year Pulse Remembrance Ceremony**

In memory of the 49,  
in support of the survivors,  
in honor of the first responders,  
with sympathy to the families,  
with gratitude to the community,  
**we will return and reflect.**

Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

**Pulse Interim Memorial**  
1912 S. Orange Avenue



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