

By Senator Gruters

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1 A bill to be entitled  
 2 An act relating to the Honor and Remember flag;  
 3 creating s. 256.16, F.S.; designating the Honor and  
 4 Remember flag as an emblem of the state; authorizing  
 5 the display of the flag at specified locations, on  
 6 specified days, and in a specified manner; requiring  
 7 the flags to be manufactured in the United States;  
 8 authorizing local governments to display the flag at  
 9 certain locations; authorizing certain departments,  
 10 agencies, and local governments to adopt certain  
 11 regulations by a specified date; authorizing the  
 12 Department of Management Services to procure and  
 13 distribute the flags by a specified date; providing an  
 14 effective date.

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 16 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 18 Section 1. Section 256.16, Florida Statutes, is created to  
 19 read:

20 256.16 Honor and Remember flag.—

21 (1) The Honor and Remember flag is designated as the  
 22 state's emblem of the service and sacrifice of the brave men and  
 23 women of the United States Armed Forces who have given their  
 24 lives in the line of duty.

25 (2) The flag may be displayed:

26 (a) At the following locations:

27 1. Any state-owned building at which the United States flag  
 28 is displayed.

29 2. Any state-owned military memorials.

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30 3. Any other state-owned location.

31 (b) On the following days:

32 1. Armed Forces Day, the third Saturday in May.

33 2. Memorial Day, the last Monday in May.

34 3. Flag Day, June 14.

35 4. Independence Day, July 4.

36 5. National POW/MIA Recognition Day, the third Friday in  
37 September.

38 6. Veterans Day, November 11.

39 7. Gold Star Mother's Day, the last Sunday in September.

40 8. The day on which a member of the United States Armed  
41 Forces who is a resident of the state loses his or her life in  
42 the line of duty.

43 (c) In a manner designed to ensure visibility to the  
44 public.

45 (d) With no more than two additional flags when displayed  
46 together on a flagpole.

47 (3) A flag displayed pursuant to this section must be  
48 manufactured in the United States.

49 (4) A local government may display the flag in accordance  
50 with paragraphs (2)(b), (c), and (d) at any local government  
51 building at which the United States flag is displayed and at any  
52 other local government location it deems appropriate.

53 (5) By July 1, 2020, a department or an agency responsible  
54 for a location specified in paragraph (2)(a), or a local  
55 government pursuant to subsection (4), may adopt regulations as  
56 necessary to carry out this section. Such regulations may not  
57 require an employee to report to work solely to display the  
58 flag.

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59           (6) By July 31, 2020, the Department of Management Services  
60 may begin procurement and distribution of the flag as necessary  
61 to comply with this section.

62           Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2020.