

By the Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs and Space; and  
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; providing an  
12 effective date.

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

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16 Section 1. Section 256.16, Florida Statutes, is created to  
17 read:

18 256.16 Honor and Remember flag.—

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

23 (2) The flag may be displayed:

24 (a) At the following locations:

25 1. Any state-owned building at which the United States flag  
26 is displayed.

27 2. Any state-owned military memorials.

28 3. Any other state-owned location.

29 (b) On the following days:

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30 1. Veterans' Day, November 11.

31 2. Gold Star Mother's Day, the last Sunday in September.

32 3. A day on which a member of the United States Armed  
33 Forces who is a resident of this state loses his or her life in  
34 the line of duty.

35 (c) In a manner designed to ensure visibility to the  
36 public.

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

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

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

45 (5) By July 1, 2020, a department or an agency responsible  
46 for a location specified in paragraph (2)(a), or a local  
47 government pursuant to subsection (4), may adopt regulations as  
48 necessary to carry out this section. Such regulations may not  
49 require an employee to report to work solely to display the  
50 flag.

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