

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 that the flag be displayed at specified locations, on
 6 specified days, and in a specified manner; authorizing
 7 local governments to display the flag; authorizing
 8 each department, agency, or local government
 9 displaying the flag to establish certain regulations;
 10 authorizing the Department of Management Services to
 11 procure and distribute such flags; 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, created by Honor and
 20 Remember, Inc., is designated as the state's emblem of the
 21 service and sacrifice of the brave men and women of the United
 22 States Armed Forces who have given their lives in the line of
 23 duty.

24 (2) The flag may be displayed:

25 (a) At the following locations:

26 1. Each state-owned building at which the United States

27 flag is displayed.

28 2. All state-owned military memorials.

29 3. Any other state-owned location deemed appropriate.

30 (b) On the following days:

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

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

33 3. Flag Day, June 14.

34 4. Independence Day, July 4.

35 5. National POW-MIA Recognition Day, the third Friday in

36 September.

37 6. Veterans' Day, November 11.

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

39 (c) In a manner designed to ensure visibility to the

40 public.

41 (3) A local government may choose to display the flag in

42 accordance with paragraphs (2)(b) and (c) at any local

43 government building at which the United States flag is displayed

44 and at any other local government location it deems appropriate.

45 (4) By July 1, 2016, each department, agency, or other

46 establishment responsible for a location specified in paragraph

47 (2)(a), or a local government pursuant to subsection (3), may

48 prescribe such regulations as necessary to carry out this

49 section. Such regulations may not require an employee to report

50 to work solely to provide for display of the flag.

51 (5) By July 31, 2016, the Department of Management

52 Services may begin procurement and distribution of the flag as

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53 | necessary to comply with this section.

54 | Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2016.