

POLICY

TITLE: Displaying Flags at County Facilities

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**ORIGINATOR: Central
Services/Facilities**

REVIEW: 05/12/2018

I. OBJECTIVE

To establish criteria for displaying flags at County facilities.

II. DEFINITIONS AND REFERENCES

- A. The Flag Code, Title 36, U.S.C., Chapter 10, as amended by P.L. 322, 103rd Congress, approved September 13, 1994.
- B. The Flag Code, Title 36, U.S.C., Section 902. National League of Families POW/MIA flag.
- C. Half-Staff – the position of the flag when it is one-half distance between the top and bottom of the staff.

III. DIRECTIVES

- A. Displaying the United States flag.
 - 1. When the United States flag is flown with other flags on separate flag poles which are the same height, the United States flag is always placed in the position of honor – to its own right. The other flags may be smaller but none may be larger. No other flag should be raised higher.
 - 2. When it is displayed from the same flagpole with another flag, the United States flag must always be at the top.
 - 3. The United States flag should be illuminated if displayed at night.
 - 4. The United States flag should be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously.
- B. The United States flag shall be flown at half-staff in accordance with provisions of Section 175(m) of the Flag Code:
 - 1. Following the issuance of a Presidential Proclamation declaring a period of national mourning;
 - 2. By decree of the Governor of the State of Florida in the event of the death of a member or former member of the State government or judiciary;
 - 3. From sunrise until noon on Memorial Day;
 - 4. From sunrise until sunset on every September 11th, designated by Congress at Patriot Day;
 - 5. From sunrise until sunset on every December 7th, designated by Congress as National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day;

6. From sunrise until sunset on every May 15th, designated by Congress as Peace Officers Memorial Day (unless that day is also Armed Forces Day);
 7. By order of the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners or County Manager in the event of the death of a local official, dignitary, or member of the public safety field killed in the line of duty.
- C. The POW/MIA flag shall be flown on the following six (6) days:
1. Armed Forces Day, the third Saturday in May;
 2. Memorial Day, the last Monday in May;
 3. Flag Day, June 14th;
 4. Independence Day, July 4th;
 5. National POW/MIA Recognition Day (designated by Presidential Proclamation; historically, the third Friday of September); and
 6. Veterans Day, November 11th.
- D. The POW/MIA flag should be raised on the last business day before a day specified in Section III.B. that in any year is not a business day, and so shall not require any employee to report to work solely for the purpose of providing for the display of the POW/MIA flag.
- E. The POW/MIA flag, when displayed from a single flag pole, should fly directly below, and be no larger than the flag of the United States. A third flag should not be flown below the U.S. and POW/MIA flags. If on separate poles, the POW/MIA flag is flown immediately below or adjacent to the flag of the United States as second in order of precedence.

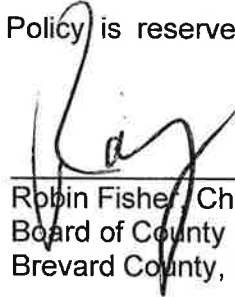
IV. RESERVATION OF AUTHORITY

The authority to issue and/or revise this Policy is reserved to the Board of County Commissioners.

Attest:



Scott Ellis, Clerk



Robin Fisher, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
Brevard County, Florida

As approved by the Board: May 12, 2015