

**U.S. Flag Policy (temporary)**  
**Pending University Senate Approval**  
**Policy #P17-05-**  
**President's Office**

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Applies to: Faculty, staff, student employees, students, vendors, visitors, and volunteers

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**Purpose of the Policy**

Authority: United States "Flag Code" as found in Title 4 of the United States Code and Presidential Proclamation No. 3044

Humboldt State University will follow the United States "Flag Code" as found in Title 4 of the United States Code. The "Flag Code" includes instruction and rules regarding display and use of the flag, time and occasions for display, position and manner of display, and how to show respect for the flag.

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**Policy Details**

The Flag Code sets out detailed instructions on flying the [U.S.](#) flag at half-staff on Memorial Day and as a mark of respect to the memory of certain recently deceased public officials. This section embodies the substance of Presidential Proclamation No. 3044, entitled "Display of Flag at Half-Staff upon Death of Certain Officials and Former Officials."

The section provides that the President of the United States shall order the flag flown at half-staff for stipulated periods "upon the death of principal figures of the United States Government and the Governor of a state, territory, or possession." After the death of other officials or foreign dignitaries, the flag may be flown at half-staff according to Presidential instructions or in accordance with recognized custom not inconsistent with law. In addition, the Governor of a state, territory, or possession, or the Mayor of the District of Columbia, may direct that the national flag be flown at half-staff, in the event of the death of a present or former official of the respective government or in the event of the death of a member of the Armed Forces from that jurisdiction.

Presidents of the United States also have ordered the flag to be flown at half-staff on the death of leading citizens, not covered by law, as a mark of official tribute to their service to the United States. Martin Luther King, Jr. is among those who have been so honored.

## History

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This policy supersedes EM: P03-03 dated February 2003, "Campus Bereavement – Lowering of Flag," and EM: P70-9 dated May 21, 1970, "Flags."

*All changes must be listed chronologically in the format below, including all edits and reviews. Note when the policy name or number changes. Note if an edit or revision date is exclusively for the policy section or the procedure section:*

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