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GUIDELINES ON THE PROPER DISPLAY OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL FLAG

To: Bureau Directors
Directors of Services/Centers and Heads of Units
Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents
Heads, Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools

1. Reverence and respect shall at all times be accorded the Philippine National Flag, the foremost symbol of the nation's identity, independence and integrity. The national flag shall occupy the highest place of honor and prominence during occasions in the schools, community, and most especially during national programs undertaken to commemorate and observe a very important celebration.

2. Republic Act 8491 or the Flag and Heraldic Code of the Philippines provides the basic rules and guidelines on the proper way of displaying and hoisting the Philippine Flag:

- a. the Flag, if flown from a flagpole, shall have its blue field on top in time of peace and red field on top in time of war;
- b. if in a hanging position, the blue field shall be to the right (left of the observer) in time of peace, and the red field to the right (left of the observer) in time of war;
- c. if on a stage or platform or government office, the flag shall be at the left (facing the stage) or the left of the office upon entering;
- d. when the Philippine flag is flown or displayed with another flag:
 - the flags, if both are national flags, must be flown on separate staffs of the same height and shall be of equal size; the Philippine flag shall be hoisted first and lowered last;
 - if the other flag is not a national flag, it may be flown in the same halyard as the Philippine flag but below the latter and it cannot be of greater size than the Philippine flag;
 - the Philippine flag shall be on the right of the other flag;
 - if there is a line of other flags, the Philippine flag shall be in the middle of the line; and
 - when carried in a parade with flags which are not national flags, the Philippine flag shall be in front of the center of the line.
- e. if the flag is displayed indoors on a flagpole, it shall be placed at the left of the observer as one enters the room;
- f. the flag may be displayed:

- from the top of a flagpole, which shall be at a prominent place or commanding position in relation to the surrounding buildings;
 - from a staff projecting upward from the window sill, canopy, balcony or façade of a building;
 - in a suspended position from a rope extending from a building to pole erected away from the building; and
 - flat against the wall vertically with the sun and stars on top.
- g. the Philippine flag may be displayed hanging in a vertical position across the street:
- the blue field pointing east, if the road is heading south or north; and
 - the blue field pointing north, if the road is heading east or west.
- h. the flag shall not be raised when the weather is inclement, but if already raised, the flag shall not be lowered;
- i. the flag shall never touch anything beneath it, such as the ground, flood, water or other objects;
- j. the flag shall be hoisted to the top briskly and shall be lowered ceremoniously;
- k. after being lowered, the flag shall be handled and folded solemnly as part of the ceremony;
- l. the flag shall be raised at sunrise and lowered at sunset;
- m. a flag worn out through wear and tear, shall not be thrown away. It shall be solemnly burned to avoid misuse or desecration. The flag shall be replaced immediately when it begins to show signs of wear or tear:
- n. it shall be prohibited:
- to mutilate, deface, trample on or cast contempt or commit any act or omission casting dishonor or ridicule upon the flag over its surface;
 - to dip the flag to any person or object by way of compliment or salute;
 - to use the flag:
 1. as a drapery, festoon, tablecloth;
 2. as covering for ceilings, walls, statues or other objects;
 3. as pennant in the hood, side, back and top of motor vehicles;
 4. as a staff or whip;
 5. for unveiling monuments or statues; and
 6. as trademarks, or for industrial, commercial or agricultural labels or designs.
 - To display the flag:
 1. under any painting or picture;
 2. horizontally face-up. It shall always be hoisted aloft and be allowed to fall freely;
 3. below any platform; or
 4. in discotheques, cockpits, night and day clubs, casinos, gambling joints and places of vice or where frivolity prevails.

- to wear the flag in whole or in part as a costume or uniform;
 - to add any word, figure, mark, picture, design, drawings, advertisement, or imprint of any nature on the flag;
 - to print, paint or attach representation of the flag on handkerchiefs, napkins, cushions and other articles of merchandise;
 - to display in public any foreign flag, except in embassies and other diplomatic establishments, and in offices of international organizations;
 - to use, display or be part of any advertisement or infomercial; and
 - to display the flag in front of buildings or offices occupied by aliens.
- o. the national flag shall be flown at half-mast during the death of Regional Directors, Superintendents, Supervisors, Principals, Teachers, and other school officials on the day of interment if authorized by Sanggunian Resolution or by order of the local chief executives.

Republic Act No. 8491, Chapter VII, "Penalties" states that:

Section 48. Failure or refusal to observe the provisions of this Act; and any violation of the corresponding rules and regulations issued by the Office of the President shall, after proper notice and hearing, be penalized by public censure which shall be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation.

The Department of Education, Culture and Sports (now Department of Education) and the Commission on Higher Education, upon the recommendation of the Institute and after the proper notice and hearing, shall cause the cancellation of the recognition of permit of any private educational institution which fails or refuses to observe the provisions of this Act for the second time.

Section 49. The Department of Education, Culture and Sports (now Department of Education) and the Commission on Higher Education shall ensure that the National Anthem, as adopted by law, shall be committed to memory by all students of both public and private educational institutions, and performed during the flag ceremony conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations issued by the Office of the President. In addition, they shall make available the vocal, piano or band scores of the National Anthem, as adopted by law, to all private and public schools, as well as the general public.

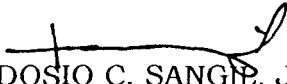
Section 50. Any person or judicial entity which violates any of the provisions of this Act shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine not less than Five Thousand Pesos (PhP5,000.00) nor more than Twenty Thousand Pesos (PhP20,000.00), or by imprisonment

for not more than one (1) year, or both such fine and imprisonment, at the discretion of the court: Provided, that for any second and additional offenses, both fine and imprisonment shall always be imposed: Provided, that in case the violation is committed by a juridical person, its President or Chief Executive Officer thereof shall be liable.

Enclosed in this Order are the copy of the "Know the Rules and Regulations on the Use of the National Flag" and Republic Act No. 8491.

For more information, please contact the hotlines on flag advocacy: National Historical Institute (NHI) c/o Mr. Teddy Atienza at tel. nos. (02) 523-037, 523-9050 and 523-9043; Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA) c/o Dir. Josefina Saliva at tel. no. (02) 882-4150; Boy Scouts of the Philippines (BSP) at tel. nos. (02) 527-5112 or 527-8317 to 20 local 225; Girl Scouts of the Philippines (GSP) at tel. no. (02) 526-5193; Order of the Knights of Rizal (OKOR) at tel. nos. (02) 528-1974 and 521-0141 and mobile no. (0927) 448-1115 c/o Ms. Ruby Gonzales; DepED-Special Events Unit at tel. nos. (02) 637-5832 and 637-5834; Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) at tel. nos. (02) 877-9727 and 527-2647; Department of Tourism (DOT) at tel. no. (02) 525-1111; and the Philippine Information Agency (PIA) at tel. nos. (02) 920-4652 and 920-4346 c/o Director Betty Lou Peñera.

Immediate and wide dissemination of and compliance with this Order is expected.


TEODOSIO C. SANGIE, JR.
Undersecretary
Officer-in-Charge

ccs.:

As stated

reference:

DECS Memorandum: No. 146, s. 1998

Attachment: 1- -(D.O. 50-97)

to be indicated in the Perpetual Index
under the following subjects:

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Know the Rules And Regulations on the Use of the National Flag

What is R.A. 8491?

It is the Flag and Heraldic Code of the Philippines, which promotes or sustains reverence and respect for the Filipino flag, the national anthem and other national symbol, which embody national ideals and traditions.

What is the scope of application of R.A. 8491?

The coverage of R.A. 8491 applies to individuals, public and private entities, military and police agencies, and other branches and instrumentalities of the national and local government including government owned and/ or controlled corporation and shall be observed in and within the entire territory of the Philippines.

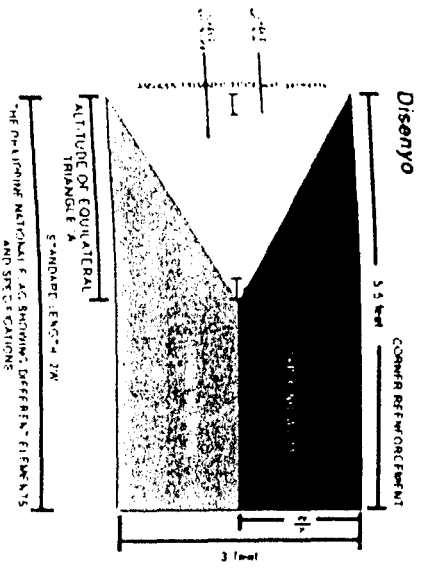
Who is the implementing agency?

The National Historical Institute shall be the agency tasked to implement rules of R.A. 8491 or the code of National Flag, Anthem, Motto and Coat of-Arms and other Heraldic Items and devices of the Philippines.

The NHII shall perform planning, monitoring, coordinating, implementing, and policy-formulating functions, wherever and whenever possible, and in the process exercise administrative, regulatory and supervisory authority over the implementation of R.A.

- All the sides of the white triangle 1
- Color
 - The blue color shall bear Cable no. 80173
 - The white color shall bear Cable No. 80001
 - The red color shall bear Cable No. 80108
 - The golden yellow shall bear Cable No. 80068

• The assigned cable numbers are listed in the Tenth Edition of the Standard Color Reference of America, created and issued by the color Association of the United States, No. 343 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York, 10016, Series of 1981.



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- GIRL SCOUTS : 526-5193
- KNIGHTS OF RIZAL : 528-1974 / 521-0141;
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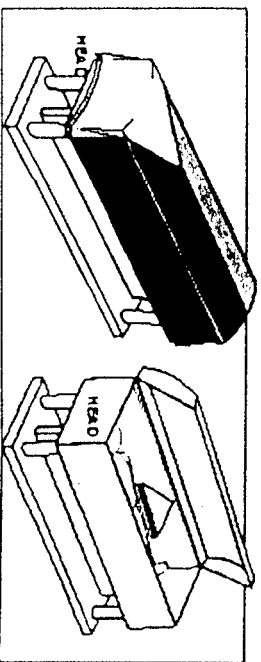
PIA - Planning and communication Research Division with National Historical Institute

- The National Flag when flown at half-mast shall be raised to the peak for a moment then lowered to the half-mast position. The National Flag shall again be raised to the peak before it is lowered for the day.
- The National Flag shall be flown at half-mast during the death anniversary of heroes and heroines, calamities or grave adversity or international solemnity as ordered by the Office of the President or as may be recommended by the NHI.
- The National Flag shall be permanently raised at half-mast day and night throughout the year in all memorial cemeteries dedicated to war.

Casket

The National Flag may be used to cover the casket to honor the death of a military, veterans of wars, national artists and civilians who rendered distinguish service to the nation.

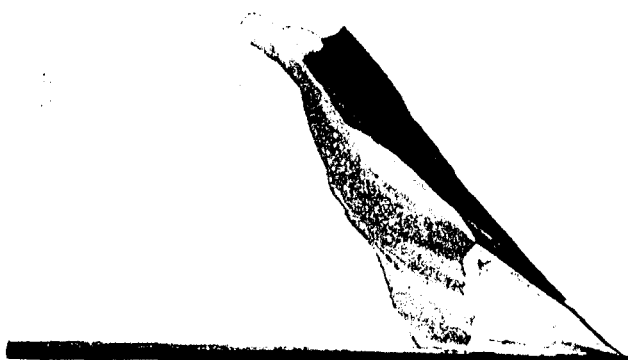
No object must be put on top of the National Flag, except for religious objects that symbolize "God above Country."



Pledge to the National Flag

- The pledge of allegiance to the National Flag shall be recited after singing the National Anthem, with the right palm open, raised shoulder high.
- From May 28 to June 21, (National Flag Days) all offices, agencies and instrumentalities of government, business, learning institutions, private buildings and homes are enjoined to display the National Flag.
- Government offices and local government units shall display the National Flag on main thoroughfares, parks, plazas, and other public places.

- (A) 10 days
 - ✓ President
 - ✓ Former President
- (B) 7 days
 - ✓ Vice President
 - ✓ Chief Justice of the Supreme Court
 - ✓ Members of the Senate
 - ✓ Speaker of the House of Representatives
- (C) 5 days
 - ✓ Cabinet Secretaries
 - ✓ Associate Justices of SC
 - ✓ Members of Senate
 - ✓ Members of House of Representatives
 - ✓ Chief of Staff of AFP
 - ✓ Director General of PNP
- (D) 3 days
 - ✓ Heads of National Government Agencies:
 - ❖ Government Owned Corporations and
 - ❖ Controlled Corporations
 - ✓ Government Financial Institutions
- (E) 3 days
 - ✓ Commanding General of AFP
 - ✓ Commanding General of Philippine Army
 - ✓ Flag Offices in Command of Philippine Navy
- (F)
 - ✓ Governors
 - ✓ Vice Governors
 - ✓ City and Municipal Mayors



- (H)
 - ✓ Members of Sangguniang Bayan
 - ✓ Veterans of previous wars
 - ✓ Barangay Chairpersons
 - ✓ Barangay Councilpersons
- (I)
 - ✓ Former National Officials (appointed or elected)
 - ✓ Local National Officials
- (J)
 - ✓ Regional Directors
 - ✓ Superintendents
 - ✓ Supervisors
 - ✓ Principals
 - ✓ Teachers
 - ✓ School Officials
- (K)
 - ✓ Recipients of National Orders
 - ✓ Recipients of National Decorations
- (L) For a period of less than 7 days
 - ✓ Other persons to be determined by the Institute including:
 - o The former Vice President
 - o Chief Justice of the Supreme Court
 - o President of the Senate and
 - o Speaker of the House

- ✓ inside the building (placed at the left of the observer if one enters the room);

- ✓ outside the building;

- ✓ on stationary or movable flagpole;

- ✓ from the top of the flagpole;

- ✓ from a staff projecting upward from

-the window sill,

-roof,

-canopy,

-balcony or,

-façade of a building;

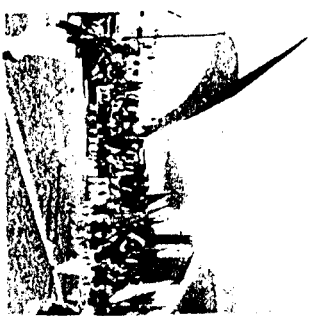
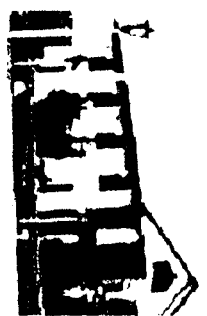
- ✓ in a suspended position;

- ✓ flat against the wall;

- ✓ hanging vertically in the middle of a two-way traffic

- ✓ The blue field should be pointing east if the road is heading south or north

- ✓ If the road is heading east or west, the blue field should be pointing north



- it should never touch anything beneath it.

Conduct of Flag Raising and Lowering Ceremonies

- Every Monday morning and Friday afternoon institutions must observe flag ceremony including:

- Local government offices
- National government offices
- Private establishments (with flag in their compound)
- Primary and secondary schools
- Other learning institutions

- Everyone must act properly upon hearing the National Anthem or when the flag is passing in parade:

- vehicles shall stop
- persons present must
 - ✓ put their palms over their chest
 - ✓ remove their hats
- the following must salute
 - ✓ security guards
 - ✓ military in uniforms

- During the lowering of flag, it shall be:

- solemn and slow and
- persons present must act properly (same with raising a flag).



- hanging vertically at the sides or middle of a one-way traffic road
 - ✓ The blue field should be at the left of the observer;
- the National Flag should be raised briskly and lowered ceremoniously;

- If the flagpole is planted on the ground,
 - ✓ it should be on a prominent place
 - ✓ not be of equal height or higher than the Independence Flagpole at Rizal Park, Manila
 - ✓ straight and slightly tapering at the top.

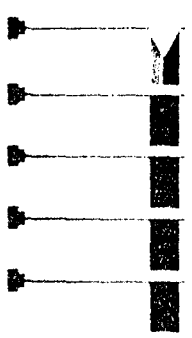


Height

- The minimum length of the National Flag is one-fourth the height of the flagpole.
- The maximum length of the National Flag is one-third the height of the flagpole.

Placing of flag

- When the National Flag is flown with flags of other countries the flags must be
 - ✓ of equal size
 - ✓ on separate staffs
 - ✓ of the same height
 - ✓ the National Flag should be raised first and lowered last.

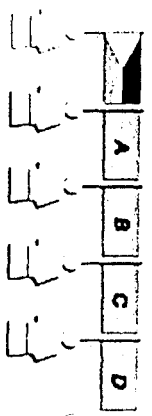


- When displayed in a semi-circle, the National Flag should be at the center.
- When displayed in a circle of house flags or flags of other countries, the National Flag shall face

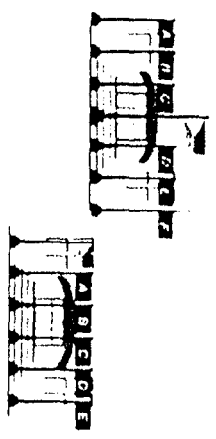
main entrance of the building
 ✓ flags of other countries or house flags should be arranged

- counter clockwise,
- alphabetically, and
- by precedence or by protocol.

- When displayed in a row or in a parade with flags of other countries, the National Flag shall be
 - ✓ on the left (observer's point of view) of the other flags;
 - ✓ flags of other countries shall be arranged in alphabetical order from left to right, by precedence, or by protocol



- When in a parade of house flags the National Flag shall be
 - ✓ at the center of the line
 - ✓ arranged in alphabetical order or by protocol from left to right (of the observer's point of view).



- During special occasions, if there is only one flagpole
 - ✓ the house flag may be flown at the same halyard with the National Flag
 - ✓ the house flag should not be bigger than the National Flag

- The National Flag should not be raised when the weather is inclement.
 - ✓ when the flag is torn or worn out;
 - ✓ the National Flag should be solemnly burned to avoid misuse and desecration;

Where and when do you raise and display the Filipino flag?

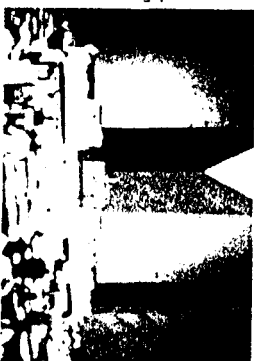
- It shall be displayed in:

- ✓ public buildings;
- ✓ official residences;
- ✓ public plazas;
- ✓ public schools and learning institutions;
- ✓ naval vessels;
- ✓ merchant ships of Philippine registry;
- ✓ military, civil or state vessel;
- ✓ pleasure, merchant, fishing boats or yachts;
- ✓ on board vessels of Philippine registry; and
- ✓ on the aircraft of Philippine registry.



- It shall be permanently hoisted day and night in front of the following:

- ✓ Malacañang Palace;
- ✓ Congress of the Philippines building;
- ✓ Supreme Court building;
- ✓ Rizal Monument in Luneta, Manila;



- ✓ Libingan ng mga Bayani, Taguig City;
- ✓ Mausoleo de los Veteranos de la Revolucioin, North Cemetery, Manila;
- ✓ All International ports of entry; and
- ✓ All other places as may be designated by the Institute.

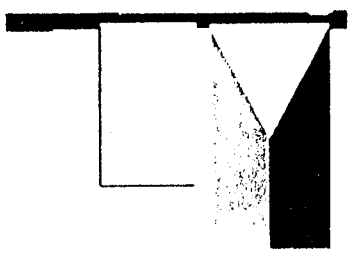
The National Flag in these sites shall be properly illuminated at night.

- It shall be displayed in private buildings/residences or raised in the open flag-staffs of said building every:

- ✓ April 9 *Araw ng Kagitingan*
- ✓ May 1 *Labor Day*
- ✓ May 28 to June 30 *National Flag Day*
- ✓ June 12 *Independence Day*
- ✓ Last Saturday of August *National Heroes Day*
- ✓ November 30 *Bonifacio Day*
- ✓ December 30 *Rizal Day*
- ✓ On such other days as may be declared or approved by the President and/or local chief executives.

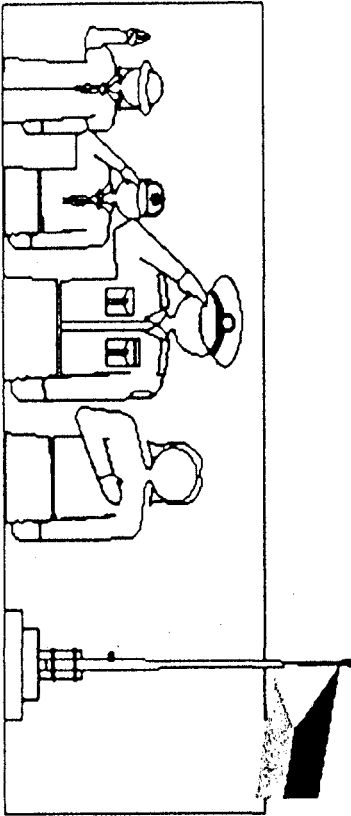
- The National Flag may be raised and displayed at sunrise and lowered at sunset throughout the year.

- If flown from a flagpole
 - ✓ the blue field should be on top in time of peace while
 - ✓ the red field on top in time of war.



- If in a hanging position

- a. "Military" shall mean all branches of the Armed Forces of the Philippines including the Philippine National Police, the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology, and the Bureau of Fire Protection;
- b. "Festoon" shall mean to hang in a curved shape between two points as in a decoration;
- c. "National Flag" shall mean the National Flag and Ensign of the Philippines as expressed and provided in the Constitution of the Philippines, R.A. 8491;
- d. "Fly" shall mean the part of the flag outside the hoist or length;
- e. "Hoist" shall mean the sleeve or heading; part of the flag nearest the staff or the canvass to which the halyard is attached;
- f. "Symbol" shall mean any conventional sign which reveals man's achievement and heroism, identification of authority and a sign of dignity;



- i. "Inclement weather" shall mean that a typhoon signal is raised in the locality or during heavy downpour in the area;
- j. "National Anthem" shall mean the Lupang Hinirang, the Philippine National anthem;
- k. "Official Residences" shall mean Malacañang, and other government-owned structure where the president resides, and other structures occupied by the Philippine consulate or embassies abroad;
- l. "Places of Frivolity" shall mean places of hilarity marked by or providing boisterous merriment or recreation;
- m. "Advertisement or Infomercial" shall mean advertisement or any information material in print, radio, television, cinema, video and the like, outdoor and electronic media, seeking to promote individuals, entities, products or services for commercial, political purposes or information campaigns;
- n. "Heraldic Items and Devices" shall mean coat-of-arms, seals, logos insignia, badges, flashes, patches, orders and decorations, medals, stars, citations, lapel pins, trophies, dry, wax or wet seals, and imprints on letterheads, envelopes and cards;
- o. "Government Entities" shall mean all branches of the government, its bureaus and attached agencies, constitutional offices, local government offices, government-owned and/or controlled corporations, government financial institutions, state universities and colleges, Armed Forces of the Philippines, including its basic component units; and;
- p. "Vexillary Items" shall mean national, local house flags or administrative, institution, corporate, unit and other organizations banners.

A. Design of the National Flag

SECTION 4. The flag of the Philippines shall be blue, white and red with an eight-rayed golden-yellow sun and three five-pointed stars, as consecrated and honored by the people.

B. Hoisting and Display of the National Flag

SECTION 5. The flag shall be displayed in all public buildings, official residences, public plazas, and institutions of learning every day throughout the year.

SECTION 6. The flag shall be permanently hoisted, day and night throughout the year, in any one of the following: at Malacañang Palace; the Congress of the Philippines building; the Supreme Court building; the Rizal Monument in Luneta, Manila; Aguinaldo Shrine in Kawit, Cavite; Barasoain Shrine in Malolos, Bulacan; the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Libingan ng Lapu-Lapu; Musoleo de los Beteranos dela Revolucio; all International Ports of Entry and other places as may be designated by the Institute.

The flag shall be properly illuminated at night.

SECTION 7. The flag shall also be displayed in private buildings and residences or raised in public places on flag-staffs in front of said buildings every April 9 (Araw ng Kagitingan); May 1 (Labor Day); May 28 (National Flag Day) to June 12 (Independence Day); last Sunday of August (National Heroes Day); November 30 (Bonifacio Day); and December 30 (Rizal Day); and on such other days as may be declared by the President and/or local chief executives.

The flag may also be displayed throughout the year in private buildings or offices or raised in public places on flag-staffs in front of private buildings: Provided, That they observe flag-raising ceremonies in accordance with the rules and regulations to be issued by the Office of the President.

SECTION 8. All government agencies and instrumentalities, and local government offices, government-owned corporations and local government units are enjoined to observe flag-raising ceremonies with appropriate ceremonies. Socio-civic groups, non-government organizations and the private sector are exhorted to cooperate in making the celebrations a success.

SECTION 9. The flag shall be flown on merchant ships of Philippine registry of more than one thousand (1000) gross tons and on all naval vessels.

On board naval vessels, the flag shall be displayed on the flag-staff at the stern when the vessel is at anchor. The flag shall be hoisted to the gaff at the aftermast when the ship is at sea.

SECTION 10. The flag, if flown from a flagpole, shall have its blue field on top in time of peace and the red field on top in time of war; if in a hanging position, the blue field shall be on the right (left of the observer) in time of peace, and the red field to the right (left of the observer) in time of war.

The flagpole staff must be straight and slightly tapering at the top.

SECTION 11. If planted on the ground, the flagpole shall be at a prominent place and shall be of such height as would give the flag commanding position in relation to the buildings in the vicinity.

vicinity.

Attached to a building, the flagpole shall be on top of its roof or anchored on a sill projecting at an angle upward.

On a stage or platform or government office, the flag shall be at the left (facing the stage) or the left of the office upon entering.

SECTION 12. When the Philippine flag is flown with another flag, the flags, if both are national flags, must be flown on separate staffs of the same height and shall be of equal size. The Philippine flag shall be hoisted first and lowered last.

If the other flag is not a national flag, it may be flown in the same lineyard as the Philippine flag but below the latter and it cannot be of greater size than the Philippine flag.

SECTION 13. When displayed with another flag, the Philippine flag shall be on the right of the other flag. If there is a line of other flags, the Philippine flag shall be in the middle of the line.

When carried in a parade with flags which are not national flags, the Philippine flag shall be in the front of the center of the line.

SECTION 14. A flag worn out through wear and tear, shall not be thrown away. It shall be solemnly burned to avoid misuse or desecration. The flag shall be replaced immediately when it begins to show signs of wear and tear.

SECTION 15. The flag shall be raised at sunrise and lowered at sunset. It shall be on the staff at the start of official office hours, shall remain flying throughout the day.

SECTION 16. The flag may be displayed:

- a) Inside or outside a building or on stationary flagpoles. If the flag is displayed indoors on a flagpole, it shall be placed at the left of the observer as one enters the room;
- b) From the top of a flagpole, which shall be at a prominent place or a commanding position in relation to the surrounding buildings;
- c) From a staff projecting upward from the window sill, canopy, balcony or facade of a building;
- d) In a suspended position from a rope extending from a building to pole erected away from the building;
- e) Flat against the wall vertically with the sun and stars on top; and
- f) Hanging in a vertical position across a street, with the blue field pointing east, if the road is heading south or north, or pointing north if the road is heading east or west.

The flag shall not be raised when the weather is inclement. If already raised, the flag shall be lowered.

SECTION 17. The flag shall be hoisted to the top briskly and lowered ceremoniously.

The flag shall never touch anything beneath it, such as the ground, flood, water or other objects.

When being lowered, the flag shall be handled and folded solemnly as part of the ceremony.

C. Conduct of Flag Raising Ceremony

SECTION 18. All government offices and educational institutions shall henceforth observe a flag-raising ceremony every Monday morning and the flag lowering ceremony every Friday afternoon. The ceremony shall be simple and dignified and shall include the playing and singing of the Philippine National Anthem.

SECTION 19. The Office of the President upon the recommendation of the Institute shall promulgate rules and regulations for the proper conduct of the flag ceremony.

SECTION 20. The observance of the flag ceremony in official or civic gatherings shall be simple and dignified and shall include the playing or singing of the anthem in its original Filipino lyrics and march tempo.

SECTION 21. During the flag-raising ceremony, the assembly shall stand in formation facing the flag. At the moment the first note of the anthem is heard, everyone in the premises shall come to attention; moving vehicles shall stop. All persons present shall place their right hands over their chests, those with hats shall uncover; while those in military, scouting, security guard, and citizens military training uniforms shall give the salute prescribed by their regulations, which salute shall be completed upon the last note of the anthem.

The assembly shall sing the Philippine national anthem, accompanied by a band, if available, and at the first note, the flag shall be raised briskly.

The same procedure shall be observed when the flag is passing in review or in parade.

SECTION 22. During the flag lowering, the flag shall be lowered solemnly and slowly so that the flag shall be down the mast at the sound of the last note of the anthem. Those in the assembly shall observe the same deportment or shall observe the same behavior as for the flag-raising ceremony.

D. Half-Mast

SECTION 23. The flag shall be flown at half-mast as a sign of mourning on all the buildings and places where it is displayed, as provided for in this Act, on the day of official announcement of the death of any of the following officials:

- a) The President or a former President, for ten (10) days;
- b) The Vice-President, the Chief Justice, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, for seven (7) days; and
- c) Other persons to be determined by the Institute, for any period less than seven (7) days.

flag shall be flown at half-mast on all the buildings and places where the decedent was holding office, on the day of death until the day of interment of an incumbent member of the Supreme Court, the Cabinet, the Senate or the House of Representatives, and such other persons as may be determined by the Institute.

flag when flown at half-mast shall be first hoisted to the peak for a moment then lowered to the half-mast position. The flag shall again be raised to the peak before it is lowered for the day.

E. Casket

SECTION 24. The flag may be used to cover the caskets of the honored dead of the military, veterans of previous wars, national artists, and of civilians who have rendered distinguished service to the nation, as may be determined by the local government unit concerned. In such cases, the flag shall be placed such that the white triangle shall be at the head and the blue portion shall cover the right side of the caskets. The flag shall not be lowered to the ground or allowed to touch the ground, but shall be folded solemnly and handed over to the family of the deceased.

F. Pledge to the Flag

SECTION 25. The following shall be the Pledge of Allegiance to the Philippine flag:

*Ako ay Pilipino
Buong katapatang nanunumpa
Sa watawat ng Pilipinas
At sa bansang kanyang sinasagisag
Na may dangal, katarungan at kalayaan
Na pinakikilos ng sambayanang
Maka-Diyos
Maka-tao
Makakalikasan at
Makabansa.*

The pledge shall be recited while standing with the right hand with palm open raised shoulder high. Individuals whose faith or religious beliefs prohibit them from making such gesture must nonetheless show full respect when the pledge is being rendered by standing at attention.

G. Flag Days

SECTION 26. The period from May 28 to June 12 of each year is declared as Flag Days, during which period all offices, agencies and instrumentalities of government, business establishments, institutions of learning and private homes are enjoined to display the flag.

H. Specifications of the National Flag

SECTION 27. The flag shall have the following proportions. The width of the flag, 1; the length of the flag, 2; and the sides of the white triangle, 1.

SECTION 28. The technical specifications shall be as follows:

The blue color shall bear Cable No. 80173; the white color, Cable No. 80001; the red color, Cable No. 80108; and the golden yellow, Cable No. 80068.

SECTION 29. In order to establish uniform criteria in the making of our national flag and to insure its durability by the use of quality materials, the following standards and procedures shall be observed:

- a) All requisitions for the purchase of the Philippine National Flag must be based on strict compliance with the design, color, craftsmanship and material requirements of the Government;
- b) All submitted samples of flags by accredited suppliers offered for purchase for government use shall be evaluated as to design, color and craftsmanship specifications by the Institute, through its Heraldry and Display Section, which shall stamp its approval or disapproval on the canvass reinforcement of the flag sample submitted. The samples shall be sent to the Institute by the requisitioning office, not by the flag supplier; and
- c) The Industrial Technology Development Institute (ITDI) or the Philippine Textile Research Institute (PTRI) of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) shall evaluate the quality of material of all flag samples and certify whether the fabric for the blue, white, red and golden yellow colors, including the canvas submitted, conforms to government requirement as to quality of the material. The samples shall be sent annually to the ITDI/PTRI by the manufacturer. The laboratory test results shall be submitted by the said office to the Institute.

SECTION 30. All deliveries of the flags requisitioned by the government shall be inspected by the requisitioning agency's internal inspector and by the Commission on Audit (COA) and the flag stamped approved by the Institute as reference.

SECTION 31. In carrying out its responsibilities under Section 4 hereof, the Institute, COA, ITDI/PTRI shall prepare guidelines to be approved by the Office of the President.

SECTION 32. All government agencies and instrumentalities shall ensure that the requirements under this Act with respect to the standards, requisitions and delivery of the national flag are strictly complied with.

SECTION 33. All departments, agencies, offices, and instrumentalities of the government, government-owned or controlled corporations, local government units, including barangays, shall include in their annual budgets the necessary outlay for the purchase of the national flag.

I. Prohibited Acts

SECTION 34. It shall be prohibited:

- a) To mutilate, deface, defile, trample on or cast contempt or commit any act or omission casting dishonor or ridicule upon the flag or over its surface;
- b) To dip the flag to any person or object by way of compliment or salute;
- c) To use the flag:

- 1) As a drapery, festoon, tablecloth;
- 2) As covering for ceilings, walls, statues or other objects;
- 3) As a pennant in the hood, side, back and top of motor vehicles;
- 4) As a staff or whip;
- 5) For unveiling monuments or statues; and
- 6) As trademarks, or for industrial, commercial or agricultural labels or designs.

d) To display the flag:

- 1) Under any painting or picture;
- 2) Horizontally face-up. It shall always be hoisted aloft and be allowed to fall freely;
- 3) Below any platform; or
- 4) In discotheques, cockpits, night and day clubs, casinos, gambling joints and places of vice or where frivolity prevails.

e) To wear the flag in whole or in part as a costume or uniform;

f) To add any word, figure, mark, picture, design, drawings, advertisement, or imprint of any nature on the flag;

g) To print, paint or attach representation of the flag on handkerchiefs, napkins, cushions, and other articles of merchandise;

h) To display in public any foreign flag, except in embassies and other diplomatic establishments, and in offices of international organizations;

i) To use, display or be part of any advertisement or infomercial; and

j) To display the flag in front of buildings or offices occupied by aliens.

CHAPTER II THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

SECTION 35. The National Anthem is entitled *Lupang Hinirang*.

SECTION 36. The National Anthem shall always be sung in the national language within or without the country. The following shall be the lyrics of the National Anthem:

*Bayang magiliw,
Perlas ng Silanganan
Alab ng puso,
Sa Dibdib mo'y buhay.
Lupang Hinirang,
Duyan ka ng magiting,
Sa manlulupig,
Di ka pasisiil.
Sa dagat at bundok,
Sa simoy at sa langit mong bughaw,
May dilag ang tula,
At awit sa paglayang minamahal.*

SECTION 41. The National Coat-of-Arms shall have:

Paleways of two (2) pieces, azure and gules; a chief argent studded with three (3) mullets equidistant from each other; and, in point of honor, ovoid argent over all the sun rayonnant with eight minor and lesser rays. Beneath shall be the scroll with the words "*REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS*," inscribed thereon.

CHAPTER V THE GREAT SEAL

SECTION 42. The Great Seal shall be circular in form, with the arms as described in the preceding section, but without the scroll and the inscription thereon. Surrounding the whole shall be a double marginal circle within which shall appear the words "*Republika ng Pilipinas*." For the purpose of placing The Great Seal, the color of the arms shall not be essential but tincture representation must be used.

The Great Seal shall also bear the National Motto.

SECTION 43. The Great Seal shall be affixed to or placed upon all commissions signed by the President and upon such other official documents and papers of the Republic of the Philippines as may be provided by law, or as may be required by custom and usage. The President shall have custody of the Great Seal.

CHAPTER VI OFFICIAL SEAL AND OTHER HERALDIC ITEMS AND DEVICES

SECTION 44. Any government entity, including the military, may adopt appropriate coat-of-arms, administrative seals, logo, insignia, badges, patches, and banners; and initiate medals, citations, orders or decorations; as may be authorized by Congress or the Office of the President.

SECTION 45. Such heraldic devices and items shall be filed with the Institute for recording and evaluation as to precedence, design, customs and traditions. The Institute shall promulgate the corresponding rules and regulations which shall be submitted for approval to the Office of the President or to Congress.

SECTION 46. All government offices including the military are hereby ordered to purchase all heraldic items and devices from manufacturers accredited and authorized by the Institute. All items and devices shall be subject to inspection by the purchasing agency's internal auditor and the COA representative using the design and specifications approved by the Office of the President or by the Congress, through the Institute.

SECTION 47. No government official or employee shall accept any order or decoration from a foreign government without the consent of Congress, and without the prior evaluation and documentation of such order or decoration by the Institute.

CHAPTER VII PENALTIES

SECTION 48. Failure or refusal to observe the provisions of this Act; and any violation of the promulgated rules and regulations issued by the Office of the President, shall after proper