

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS POLICY

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National Flag - Policy and Display at County Buildings

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Purpose

It is appropriate for the County to have a clear policy with respect to display of our national and State flags. Such a policy serves to instruct County staff and may well provide guidelines for other public and private agencies.

Background

On March 9, 1950 the Board of Supervisors adopted a specific policy setting guidelines for display by the County of the national and state flags. The policy called for the display of the national flag at all buildings under County supervision on holidays which are observed by County employees.

Since that date the number and range in size and purpose of County buildings has increased many times over. In addition, the State of California has adopted a policy for display of the State and national flags, which requires display only during business hours.

Policy

It is the policy of the Board of Supervisors that the national and State flags will be displayed at major County buildings that are equipped with appropriate flagpoles or display facilities, during all business hours.

In addition, all such buildings, which are normally staffed by County employees on holidays, will display our national and State flags on those holidays.

Flags shall be lowered to half-staff as required by federal law pursuant to direction of the President of the United States. The Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors also may direct that flags, which are displayed at all County buildings subject to this policy, shall be lowered to half-staff upon the death of an official, whom the Chairperson has determined should be so honored, in accordance with the customs and past practices of the County. In addition, the County Sheriff may direct that flags displayed at buildings, which the Sheriff's Department occupies and exercises responsibility over, shall be lowered to half-staff upon the death of a law enforcement official, whom the Sheriff has determined should be so honored.

Sunset Date

This policy will be reviewed for continuance by 12-31-23.

Board Action

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