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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FLAGS.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the State recognized  
2 the National League of Families' POW/MIA (prisoner of  
3 war/missing in action) flag as an official state recognized flag  
4 in 2010 to acknowledge the commitment to resolving as fully as  
5 possible the fates of Americans still prisoner, missing, and  
6 unaccounted for.

7           The legislature further finds that recognizing and  
8 acknowledging members of the community, their sacrifices,  
9 struggles, and successes can serve as a powerful reminder and  
10 symbol of societal values and collective memory and lessons  
11 learned to inform future generations.

12           The legislature further finds that the honor and remember  
13 flag recognizes those whose lives have been lost while serving  
14 in the armed forces on behalf of their country. It is a symbol  
15 and reminder to society of the high cost of liberty, and the  
16 gratitude and respect deserved by so many who have laid down  
17 their lives to secure it. While there are many flags



1 representing service to the United States, the honor and  
2 remember flag represents those who have made the ultimate  
3 sacrifice on its behalf.

4 The legislature also finds that the pride flag serves as a  
5 beacon of visibility, solidarity, and celebration of love and  
6 identity. The pride flag represents diversity, inclusion, the  
7 fight for equality and human rights, and is a symbol of both the  
8 challenges the LGBTQ+ community has faced and the progress  
9 society continues to make toward building a more perfect union  
10 that fulfills our nation's promise of equality and justice for  
11 all. While there are many variations of the pride flag  
12 addressing different kinds of diversity, the traditional  
13 six-color pride flag has represented these core values for over  
14 forty years and serves to encompass them all.

15 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to allow the honor  
16 and remember flag and pride flag to be flown with the United  
17 States and Hawaiian flags at the state capitol and on certain  
18 state grounds on specified days.

19 SECTION 2. Section 5-18.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
20 amended to read as follows:



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1           " [f]§5-18.5 [f] [~~POW/MIA (prisoner of war/missing in~~  
2 ~~action) flag; recognition; use.~~] Official state recognized  
3 flags. (a) The State recognizes the National League of  
4 Families' POW/MIA (prisoner of war/missing in action) flag that  
5 was recognized by the United States Congress through P. L.  
6 101-355 on August 10, 1990.

7           [~~b~~] The National League of Families' POW/MIA (prisoner  
8 of war/missing in action) flag shall be flown on the grounds of  
9 the state capitol and on the grounds of the headquarters of the  
10 state department of defense on the following days:

- 11           (1) Armed Forces Day, the third Saturday in May;
- 12           (2) Memorial Day, the last Monday in May;
- 13           (3) Flag Day, June 14;
- 14           (4) Independence Day, July 4;
- 15           (5) National POW/MIA Recognition Day, the third Friday in  
16           September; and
- 17           (6) Veterans Day, November 11,

18 and may be flown on the grounds of the state capitol and on the  
19 grounds of the headquarters of the state department of defense  
20 on other days; provided that if the Hawaiian flag is flown on  
21 the same halyard as the flag of the United States of America at



1 those locations, then the POW/MIA (prisoner of war/missing in  
2 action) flag may be flown under the flag of the State of Hawaii,  
3 and if the Hawaiian flag is flown on a separate halyard as the  
4 flag of the United States of America at those locations, then  
5 the POW/MIA (prisoner of war/missing in action) flag may be  
6 flown under the flag of the United States of America.

7 (b) The State recognizes the honor and remember flag that  
8 has been designated by twenty-eight states to recognize armed  
9 service members who have died as a result of serving the United  
10 States in war or conflict.

11 The honor and remember flag shall be flown on the grounds  
12 of the state capitol and on the grounds of the headquarters of  
13 the state department of defense on the following days:

- 14 (1) Armed Forces Day, the third Saturday in May;  
15 (2) Memorial Day, the last Monday in May;  
16 (3) Flag Day, June 14;  
17 (4) Independence Day, July 4;  
18 (5) National POW/MIA Recognition Day, the third Friday in  
19 September; and  
20 (6) Veterans Day, November 11,



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2 grounds of the headquarters of the state department of defense  
3 on other days; provided that if the Hawaiian flag is flown on  
4 the same halyard as the flag of the United States of America at  
5 those locations, then the honor and remember flag may be flown  
6 under the flag of the State of Hawaii, and if the Hawaiian flag  
7 is flown on a separate halyard as the flag of the United States  
8 of America at those locations, then the honor and remember flag  
9 may be flown under the flag of the United States of America.

10 (c) The State recognizes the striped six-color red,  
11 orange, green, blue, and violet rainbow "pride flag" to  
12 recognize diversity, inclusion, and equality and justice for  
13 all.

14 The pride flag shall be flown on the grounds of the state  
15 capitol during pride month, on dates to be designated by the  
16 Hawaii state lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, plus  
17 commission established pursuant to section 369-3 and may be  
18 flown on the grounds of the state capitol and on the grounds of  
19 other state facilities on other days; provided that if the  
20 Hawaiian flag is flown on the same halyard as the flag of the  
21 United States of America at those locations, then the pride flag



1 may be flown under the flag of the State of Hawaii, and if the  
2 Hawaiian flag is flown on a separate halyard as the flag of the  
3 United States of America at those locations, then the pride flag  
4 may be flown under the flag of the United States of America."

5 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
6 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

7 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:

  
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**Report Title:**

Flags; Honor and Remember Flag; Pride Flag

**Description:**

Requires the honor and remember flag and pride flag to be flown with the United States and Hawaiian flags on specified days.

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