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1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to the Honor and Remember flag; 3 creating s. 256.16, F.S.; designating the Honor and Remember flag as the emblem of the state; authorizing 4 5 the display of the flag at specified locations, on 6 specified days, and in a specified manner; requiring 7 the flags to be manufactured in the United States; 8 authorizing local governments to display the flag at 9 certain locations; authorizing certain departments, 10 agencies, and local governments to adopt certain regulations by a specified date; authorizing the 11 12 Department of Management Services to procure and 13 distribute the flags by a specified date; providing an 14 effective date. 15 16 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 17 18 Section 256.16, Florida Statutes, is created to Section 1. 19 read: 20 256.16 Honor and Remember flag.-21 The Honor and Remember flag is designated as the 22 state's emblem of the service and sacrifice of the brave men and 23 women of the United States Armed Forces who have given their 24 lives in the line of duty.

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The flag may be displayed:

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26	(a) At the following locations:										
27	1. Any state-owned building at which the United States										
28	flag is displayed.										
29	2. Any state-owned military memorials.										
30	3. Any other state-owned location.										
31	(b) On the following days:										
32	1. Armed Forces Day, the third Saturday in May.										
33	2. Memorial Day, the last Monday in May.										
34	3. Flag Day, June 14.										
35	4. Independence Day, July 4.										
36	5. National POW-MIA Recognition Day, the third Friday in										
37	September.										
38	6. Veterans Day, November 11.										
39	7. Gold Star Mother's Day, the last Sunday in September.										
40	8. A day on which a member of the United States Armed										
41	Forces who is a resident of the state loses his or her life in										
42	the line of duty.										
43	(c) In a manner designed to ensure visibility to the										
44	4 public.										
45	(d) With no more than two additional flags when displayed										
46	together on a flagpole.										
47	(3) A flag displayed pursuant to this section must be										
48	manufactured in the United States.										
49	(4) A local government may display the flag in accordance										
50	with paragraphs (2)(b), (c), and (d) at any local government										

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- (5) By July 1, 2020, a department or an agency responsible for a location specified in paragraph (2)(a), or a local government pursuant to subsection (4), may adopt regulations as necessary to carry out this section. Such regulations may not require an employee to report to work solely to display the flag.
- (6) By July 31, 2020, the Department of Management
 Services may begin procurement and distribution of the flag as necessary to comply with this section.
 - Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2020.