

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 57

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND ENCOURAGING FLYING THE UNITED STATES
2 AND IDAHO FLAGS ON MARCH 4 AND ON JULY 3 AND 4 OF EVERY YEAR AND AT OTHER
3 TIMES.
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5 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

6 WHEREAS, the State Flag of Idaho was adopted in 1907 and modified in
7 1927, codified in Section 46-801, Idaho Code, and its dimensions were de-
8 scribed specifically by the Legislature of the State of Idaho: 5 feet 6
9 inches fly, 4 feet 4 inches on pike, bordered by a gilt fringe that is 2.5
10 inches wide. The flag is blue silk with the Great Seal of Idaho 21 inches in
11 diameter displayed in the center. Under the Great Seal, the words "STATE
12 OF IDAHO" are embroidered in gold block letters 2 inches high on a red band
13 that is 3 inches wide by 29 inches long, positioned about 8.5 inches above and
14 parallel with the lower fringe; and

15 WHEREAS, the Idaho State Flag is the most unique and arguably the most
16 beautiful of all state flags; and

17 WHEREAS, it is customary for our nation and state to show honor and rev-
18 erence for our flags whenever they are displayed; and

19 WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln signed the congressional act creat-
20 ing the Idaho Territory on March 4, 1863, and the Legislature enacted Section
21 73-108C, Idaho Code, recognizing March 4 of each year as "Idaho Day"; and

22 WHEREAS, Idaho became a state on July 3, 1890, and the United States be-
23 came a country on July 4, 1776; and

24 WHEREAS, throughout the illustrious history of this great state and of
25 these United States, certain symbols and icons of the principles for which
26 this state and nation were founded and continue to stand are held sacred to
27 all citizens; and

28 WHEREAS, perhaps no symbols hold a more sacrosanct place in the collec-
29 tive thoughts and beliefs of the people of this state than the flag of the
30 United States of America and the State Flag of Idaho; and

31 WHEREAS, these symbols remind us that being citizens of Idaho and the
32 United States is precious to us; and

33 WHEREAS, men and women of this state have spilled their blood and given
34 their last full measure of devotion for more than 126 years on battlefields
35 in this country and all over the world to protect these symbols and the prin-
36 ciples of democracy, equality and freedom for which they stand; and

37 WHEREAS, it is incumbent on this Legislature to do everything in its
38 power not only to permit but also to encourage the appropriate display of
39 these venerable symbols of all that is great about this state and this coun-
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41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Ses-
42 sion of the Sixty-third Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and
43 the Senate concurring therein, that on March 4 and on July 3 and 4 of every

1 year, and at other times unless otherwise prohibited by a valid state or fed-
2 eral law, contract or restrictive covenant, we encourage every person and
3 government entity in this state to appropriately display the flag or banner
4 of this state, as defined in Section 46-801, Idaho Code, and the flag of the
5 United States of America, and that such encouragement shall be abridged by no
6 one unless done so in accordance with any such law, contract or restrictive
7 covenant.