

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

PROCLAMATION

FLAG DAY

Tuesday, June 14th, Flag Day, will be the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the adoption of the Flag of the United States by the Continental Congress in 1777.

No patriotic citizen of our country can look upon the Banner of Liberty and Justice without a quickening of the pulse, and a renewal of the resolution that, in peace or in war, the Flag shall be first in his heart, first in his home and first in his hopes. Let us pause on the coming one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of its adoption and reflect upon the history and principles and unity which this National Emblem symbolizes. We should tell the story of its birth and its glorious victories to our children, and we should impress upon their youthful minds that the most beautiful trait in the American character is the love of country and state, as typified in our love and reverence for the Flag. We should tell them that the Red signified the courage of the American heart, its White the purity of our motives, and its Blue our never-failing fidelity to the cause of truth and right. Let us ever keep in mind that the Flag, the Banner of our country, stands as a guarantee of the "right to life; liberty and the pursuit of happiness," on land or sea.

Kansas, our beloved state, the home of patriots, should be as renowned for her love of the Flag as her sons have been faithful to it on a thousand battlefields. It is to be regretted that the anniversary of the adoption of the American Flag comes at a season following the close of our public schools. It is in these educational institutions, and in the homes of our people, where love of country and the pride and glory of our state are emphasized and stimulated; for there the Flag and all its meaning showers upon us a constant renewal of patriotic devotion. I hope it may be possible to assemble the children of Kansas in the schools on the coming Flag Day anniversary for suitable and proper exercises and song.

I recommend that on Sunday, the 13th, preceding Flag Day, that in every house of God, in eulogy and song, the clergy of Kansas make such mention of this Symbol of American Liberty, as may best help to impress on their congregations what the flag represents, the sacrifices that have been made for it, and the blessings it has secured for our State and Union Nation. I further recommend that the homes and business places be decorated with the Stars and Stripes, and I order that our Flag shall be unfurled to the breeze over every public institution in our state.

Therefore, I, Ben S. Paulen, Governor of the State of Kansas, do issue this Proclamation, and earnestly urge the observance of Tuesday, the fourteenth day of June, 1927, as Flag Day.

In testimony whereof, I have herewith subscribed my name and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Kansas. Done at Topeka, the state capitol, this _____ day of June, 1927, the one hundred and fifty-first year of American Independence.



By the Gov.

Ben S. Paulen, Governor

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Assistant Secretary of State.