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STATE OF DELAWARE



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT DOVER

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER THREE

Pursuant to an act of the General Assembly passed in 1913, a commission was appointed to devise a State Flag and State Colors. That commission accomplished its purpose by designing an appropriate State Flag and a similar Governor's Flag, both of which have been used since that time. This commission did not, however, define or stipulate the manner, or the occasions, when the State Flag or the Governor's Flag should be flown or publicly displayed.

In order to correct the omission and to clarify the proper use of the State Flag and the Governor's Flag, this Executive Order is herewith issued. The State Flag shall be flown outside, on a separate pole or staff, in the same manner and at the same times that the National Flag of the United States of America is flown. When displayed indoors, the State Flag shall be exhibited, on a separate staff, in the same manner as the National Flag. The position of the State Flag at a rostrum or speaker's table is to the left, whereas the National Flag is at the right.

A further purpose of this Executive Order is to terminate the unfounded practice of using the State Flag to indicate when the Governor is in his office. Such a practice is unnecessary with modern communications and it prevents the proper use and display of the State Flag on holidays and such other times when the Governor is absent from his office.

The Governor's Flag, distinguished from the State Flag by the gold colored fringe surrounding it and mounted on a staff surmounted by a model of a Blue Hen's fighting cock, was designed and intended for the exclusive use of the Governor of the State of Delaware. This flag should be displayed in the Governor's Office and at all official functions when it is appropriate for this flag to be flown. Functions of this type shall include inauguration ceremonies, reviews of military units under jurisdiction of the State of Delaware, Governor's Day at public events, dedication exercises at the State level and similar activities at which the display of the National Flag and the State or Governor's Flag would be appropriate.

This Order shall be effective December 7, 1955.

APPROVED this fifth day of December 1955.

John H. Bragg
By the Governor

ATTEST:

John H. McDowell
Secretary of State

