

50-State Half-Staff Flag Authority Quick Reference

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USE THIS REFERENCE TO ANSWER:
Who issued the directive? Which flag? Which property? Is local/private participation required or encouraged?

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Important: This is a quick-reference summary, not a live flag-status service or legal advice. Half-staff orders can change quickly and may have narrow geographic or property scope. Always open the official state source and confirm the current directive before acting.

State	Best Official Source	Direct Scope / Key Distinction	Private or Local Participation
Alabama	Governor's Office Flag Policy	Governor directs flags at Alabama state-operated facilities; orders may also be Capitol-only, district-specific, or local.	Depends on the directive; local authority may be delegated in some cases.
Alaska	Governor's Flag Status	Tracks the United States and Alaska flags separately; scope depends on the individual order.	Check the current notice for covered property.
Arizona	Half-Staff Notifications	Recent directives identify state buildings as the required government scope.	Individuals, businesses, and organizations are commonly encouraged to participate.
Arkansas	Governor's Newsroom	Scope varies by proclamation and may apply statewide or to a narrower period or purpose.	Read the current proclamation for exact coverage.
California	Governor of California	Orders may cover all state buildings or narrower locations such as the State Capitol or selected facilities.	Depends on the specific order.
Colorado	Governor's News	Orders may be statewide or tied to a particular person, event, or location.	Check the current governor notice for exact scope.
Connecticut	Governor's News Updates	Notices commonly cover United States and Connecticut flags on state government buildings.	Participation outside state government depends on the notice.
Delaware	Governor's Flag Status	Recent orders typically apply to United States and Delaware flags at state buildings and facilities.	Check the individual notice for broader participation.
Florida	Flag Information	Individual directives can cover state and local government buildings, installations, and grounds.	Exact scope is stated in the governor's memorandum.
Georgia	Executive Orders	Orders commonly specify United States and Georgia flags on state buildings and grounds; some are narrower.	Depends on the executive order.

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Hawaii	Flag Orders Archive	Recent statewide orders have covered the State Capitol, state offices and agencies, and Hawaii National Guard facilities.	Check the individual order for additional participation.
Idaho	Governor of Idaho	Notices identify affected flags and duration; scope is defined by the current directive.	Verify the individual notice.
Illinois	Flag Honors	The Flag Display Act identifies persons and entities covered by gubernatorial flag-honor orders.	Coverage depends on the Act and the specific order.
Indiana	Governor's Newsroom	Orders can be geographically targeted, including particular counties or legislative districts.	Residents, businesses, and organizations may be encouraged to participate.
Iowa	Governor of Iowa	Directives commonly cover the State Capitol, Capitol Complex, and public buildings, grounds, and facilities statewide.	Individuals, businesses, schools, municipalities, counties, and others are often encouraged to participate.
Kansas	Kansas Flag Honors	Uses a standing executive framework with current governor notices.	Check each notice for scope and participation.
Kentucky	Flag Status	Current notices identify which flags and properties are covered.	Participation outside covered government property depends on the notice.
Louisiana	Flag Status	Orders may specify the Capitol, all state buildings, or other defined locations.	Check the executive order for exact scope.
Maine	Title 1, Section 252-A	State law allows half-staff display at times specified by the President or governor and permits geographically limited orders.	Scope can include a political subdivision or other specified location.
Maryland	Governor's Press Releases	Orders may affect both flags or only the Maryland flag and may apply statewide or to defined facilities or areas.	Always verify which flag and property are named.

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Massachusetts	<u>Flag Status</u>	Governor orders are implemented for state-managed facilities through the Bureau of the State House.	Check the current order for broader guidance.
Michigan	<u>Executive Order 2013-10</u>	'Throughout the state' is defined as all state buildings, grounds, and facilities.	The public may receive separate guidance or encouragement.
Minnesota	<u>Flag Status Notifications</u>	The governor may order the national flag to half-staff on state property; the Minnesota flag follows on state property.	Outside state property, participation is not automatically required.
Mississippi	<u>Flag Status</u>	Executive orders identify affected flags, dates, buildings, and grounds.	Check the individual order.
Missouri	<u>Governor's Press Releases</u>	Orders are often geographically specific and may cover named counties, cities, or particular classes of facilities.	Participation depends on the exact directive.
Montana	<u>Official Flag Status</u>	The status indicator should be read together with any accompanying governor directive or news release.	Check the underlying notice for property scope.
Nebraska	<u>Governor's Office Flag Policy</u>	Governor controls flags at Nebraska state-operated facilities and distinguishes statewide from localized observances.	Local participation depends on the directive.
Nevada	<u>Governor of Nevada</u>	Orders identify whether the United States flag, Nevada flag, or both are affected and whether the directive is statewide or facility-specific.	Verify each order.
New Hampshire	<u>RSA 3-E:2</u>	State law incorporates federal flag practice and adds specific requirements involving fallen New Hampshire service members.	Additional local practice depends on applicable law and directives.
New Jersey	<u>Department of State Flag Status</u>	State law provides an electronic notification system; executive orders identify covered departments, agencies, and public buildings.	Check the individual executive order.

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New Mexico	<u>Governor's Newsroom</u>	Orders may use broad statewide language; the executed executive order controls exact scope and duration.	Verify the order itself.
New York	<u>Office of General Services Flag Policy</u>	OGS controls facilities under its jurisdiction; schools, counties, towns, municipalities, and organizations control their own property.	Local entities generally control their own flagpoles.
North Carolina	<u>Department of Administration Flag Guide</u>	Governor orders affect state facilities; presidential proclamations govern federal buildings, grounds, and naval vessels.	Other participation depends on local authority or voluntary action.
North Dakota	<u>Governor's Flag Directives</u>	Government agencies may be directed to lower United States and North Dakota flags.	Residents may be separately encouraged to participate at homes and businesses.
Ohio	<u>Ohio Revised Code Section 5.012</u>	State statutes and governor orders can govern state-flag display and geographically targeted observances.	Other public buildings may sometimes participate at their discretion.
Oklahoma	<u>Governor's Flag Status</u>	Orders may direct United States, Oklahoma, and other designated flags on state property.	Check the executive order for additional scope.
Oregon	<u>Oregon Newsroom</u>	Orders commonly apply to Oregon public institutions and specify exact start and end times.	Check the current order for broader participation.
Pennsylvania	<u>Flag Notices</u>	Governor orders commonly cover Commonwealth facilities, public buildings, and grounds.	Residents may be separately invited to participate.
Rhode Island	<u>Governor of Rhode Island</u>	Some honors apply only to the Rhode Island state flag at state facilities and buildings.	Residents may be asked to participate voluntarily.
South Carolina	<u>Flag Status</u>	Orders can distinguish the State Capitol from other state buildings and political subdivisions; some observances are set by law.	Depends on the specific legal authority or order.

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South Dakota	State News	Governor orders can be statewide or limited to the State Capitol.	Check the current release for geographic scope.
Tennessee	Flag Status	The current status page should be read with the governor's order or state announcement for property scope and duration.	Depends on the current directive.
Texas	Governor's Flag Status	State agencies follow applicable state directives under Texas flag law.	Individuals, businesses, municipalities, counties, and political subdivisions are commonly encouraged to participate.
Utah	Flag Status	Orders commonly direct United States and Utah flags at all state facilities.	Private citizens, businesses, schools, counties, municipalities, and organizations may be invited to participate.
Vermont	Governor of Vermont	Orders can direct United States and Vermont flags at the State House and state facilities.	Municipalities, courthouses, places of worship, and residents may be requested to join.
Virginia	Flag Information	Formal directives may reach state and local buildings and grounds and can affect both national and state flags.	Read the individual directive for exact coverage.
Washington	Flag Lowering and Display	Governor directives apply to state agency facilities.	Other government entities, residents, and businesses are generally encouraged to participate.
West Virginia	Governor of West Virginia	Recent orders have covered the State Capitol Complex and all state-owned facilities.	Check the proclamation for exact scope.
Wisconsin	Official Flag-Lowering Orders	Governor directives identify affected United States and Wisconsin flags and the applicable period.	Scope varies by executive order.
Wyoming	Governor of Wyoming Notifications	Orders may lower both flags statewide, only the Wyoming state flag statewide, or the Wyoming flag only in specific locations.	Participation depends on the individual directive.

Methodology: America 2 Wear reviewed official state statutes, governor policies, executive-order archives, state flag-status pages, government press releases, and official alert systems. Primary government sources were preferred over commercial alert services. The directory does not infer a statewide mandate when an official source speaks only to state buildings or a narrower class of property.

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