



### **Patriot Day**

Patriot Day has been added to the Flag Holidays listed in section 174 of the US Flag Code. On December 18, 2001, President Bush signed Public Law No: 107-89, designating September 11th as Patriot Day. State and local governments and the people of the United States are asked to observe Patriot Day with appropriate programs and activities to honor the individuals who lost their lives as a result of the terrorist attacks on that date in 2001.



The day has also been designated as a day that the US flag should be flown at half-staff from sunrise to sundown, not just until noon as is done on Memorial Day. In addition the people of the United States are asked to observe a moment of silence on Patriot Day in remembrance of the victims.

Many people have asked if Government offices, schools, banks, etc. will be closed on that day. We don't have that information at this time but as decisions are made we will keep you informed.

Patriot Day should not be confused with Patriot's Day, a regional holiday celebrated in New England on the third Monday in April which commemorates Paul Revere's ride and the battle of Lexington & Concord during the Revolutionary War. The Boston Marathon is run on Patriot's Day every year.

### **Flag Etiquette**

The National Flag represents the living country and is considered to be a living thing emblematic of the respect and pride we have for our nation. Display it proudly.

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