

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2104

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An Act relating to an Alfred P. Murrah Federal
Building commemorative flag; authorizing flag
commemorating the April 19, 1995, bombing of the
Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building; authorizing the
Governor to select certain commemorative flag for
state properties; authorizing certain citizen and
local control over other commemorative flag
selections; amending 21 O.S. 1991, Section 375,
which relates to flag placement prohibitions;
authorizing placement of certain commemorative
flag; providing for codification; and declaring an
emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 93.2 of Title 25, unless there
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

In memory of the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City which killed or injured hundreds of residents of this and other states, flags commemorating this incident and the courage and compassion of the people of this state, this country and the world who have been involved in the rescue of and aid to these residents are encouraged to be flown on flagpoles throughout this state the week of each year in which April 19th falls beginning on the Sunday of such week through to the following Saturday.

The Governor may select which commemorative flag may be flown on state property each year, and citizens and the governing body of each political subdivision of the state may select the commemorative flag of choice for their own respective property.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 1991, Section 375, is amended to read as follows:

Section 375. A. It shall be unlawful and constitute a misdemeanor for any person to place, hoist, raise or display any flag, standard, colors or ensign upon or over any publicly owned tax-supported property or premises except roads, streets, highways, stadiums or arenas in the State of Oklahoma, except ~~the~~:

1. ~~The~~ flag, standard, colors or ensign of the United States of America, ~~the~~;

2. ~~The~~ flag of any nation formerly having dominion over the land now comprising the State of Oklahoma or any portion of said land, ~~the~~;

3. ~~The~~ official flag of any of the fifty states of the United States, ~~the~~;

4. An Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building commemorative flag;

5. ~~The~~ official flag of any municipality in this state, ~~the~~;

6. ~~The~~ Boy Scouts of America flag, ~~the~~;

7. ~~The~~ Girl Scouts United States of America flag, ~~the~~;

8. ~~The~~ American Red Cross flag, ~~i~~ and such

9. Such other flags as may be approved by the governing board or agency having control over said public property.

B. Any person convicted of a violation of this ~~act~~ section shall be punished by a fine of not less than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) nor more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than thirty (30) days nor more than six (6) months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the House of Representatives the 28th day of February, 1996.

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 1996.

President of the Senate