

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 52nd Legislature (2009)

3 SENATE BILL 712

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to definitions and general  
8 provisions; stating legislative findings; designating  
9 first Monday of each month as day of remembrance for  
10 those serving in war on terror; authorizing and  
11 requesting flags be flown at half-staff; specifying  
12 duty of Director of Department of Central Services;  
13 providing for codification; providing an effective  
14 date; and declaring an emergency.

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

16 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 90.19 of Title 25, unless there  
18 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 A. The Legislature finds that:

20 1. The Congress of the United States has authorized the  
21 President to use military force against "nations, organizations, or  
22 persons the President determines planned, authorized, committed, or  
23 aided the terrorist attacks that occurred on September 11, 2001, or  
24 harbored such organizations or persons", Pub. L. 107-40, and has  
further authorized the President to use military force in order to

1 "defend the national security of the United States against the  
2 continuing threat posed by Iraq", Pub. L. 107-243;

3 2. Although these policies have resulted in some degree of  
4 controversy, it is incontrovertible that the members of the Armed  
5 Forces of the United States who have been deployed with respect  
6 thereto have served with honor, dignity, and bravery, and that  
7 public support for the members of the Armed Forces, and for their  
8 families, has been steadfast and unwavering; and

9 3. For as long as members of the Armed Forces are so deployed,  
10 such public support must continue and be demonstrated in every way  
11 possible.

12 B. Until such time as such use of military force as referenced  
13 in subsection A of this section is concluded, whether by  
14 Presidential or congressional action, the Governor is directed to  
15 order flags of the United States and the State of Oklahoma, on state  
16 property, be flown at half-staff on the day of the memorial service  
17 for any Oklahoman who lost his or her life while a member of the  
18 Armed Forces of the United States.

19 C. On each such day of remembrance, all state agencies,  
20 interested organizations, groups, and individuals are authorized and  
21 requested to fly the flag of the United States at half-staff. The  
22 Director of the Department of Central Services shall cause the  
23 provisions of this section to be implemented by all appropriate  
24 agencies of state government.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2009.

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

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