

Policy of Governor Peter Shumlin Regarding Lowering of Flag

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Ordering that the flag be flown at half-staff is a matter of Governor's discretion. Governor Shumlin will consider all relevant facts in deciding whether to issue such an order, including the following circumstances:

- (1) The death of a present or former principal federal or state government official, including long-serving former state legislators in chair or other leadership positions;
- (2) The death of a state government employee while serving the state, or a member of the public safety community killed in the line of duty;
- (3) The death of a member of the armed forces from Vermont while serving on active duty.

In addition, the Governor will take into consideration the guidance provided in the U.S. Flag Code and may order that the flag be lowered to half-staff following other tragic events and on other occasions in his discretion.

Other government entities, citizens, and businesses are encouraged to join in such recognitions.

The Secretary of Administration and the Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs shall coordinate in implementing this policy.