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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 884

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on State and Local Government Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to state government; designating the Freedom Flag as an official symbol
1.3 of the state's commitment to remembering the American lives lost as a result of
1.4 the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001; encouraging display of the flag on
1.5 certain days in certain public locations; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota
1.6 Statutes, chapter 10.

1.7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.8 Section 1. [10.598] 9/11 REMEMBRANCE; FREEDOM FLAG.

1.9 Subdivision 1. Designation. The Freedom Flag created by the Freedom Flag Foundation
1.10 is designated as the symbol of our state's concern and commitment to remembering the
1.11 American lives lost as a result of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. Among those
1.12 lost were members of the military, police, fire, and other rescue and first response personnel
1.13 acting in the line of duty. Each year on September 11, schools are encouraged to offer
1.14 instruction on the events of that day, and the role of the many military, police, fire, and
1.15 other rescue and first response personnel in responding to the attacks.

1.16 Subd. 2. Suggested days for flag display. (a) The chief administrator of each
1.17 governmental building or facility within this state, as defined in paragraph (b), is encouraged
1.18 to display the Freedom Flag on September 11 of each year.

1.19 (b) For purposes of this section, "governmental building or facility within this state"
1.20 means the following locations:

1.21 (1) the Minnesota State Capitol, the Office of the Governor and each other Minnesota
1.22 constitutional office, the chambers of the Minnesota Senate and the Minnesota House of
1.23 Representatives, the Minnesota Supreme Court Building and each Minnesota District Court

2.1 House, as well as any official state of Minnesota veterans memorial, Minnesota veterans
2.2 home, or Minnesota veterans cemetery;

2.3 (2) to the extent authorized by federal law and regulation, any United States veterans
2.4 cemetery, veterans memorial, post office, or other federal building, as well as any United
2.5 States Department of Veterans Affairs medical center, veterans service center, and veterans
2.6 community-based outreach center; and

2.7 (3) any appropriate local government building or facility, as determined by the governing
2.8 body of that local government.

2.9 Subd. 3. **Limitation.** This section may not be construed or interpreted to require any
2.10 employee to report to work solely for the purpose of providing for the display of the Freedom
2.11 Flag or any other flag.

2.12 Subd. 4. **Implementation.** If a governmental building or facility within this state opts
2.13 to display the Freedom Flag, the chief administrator of that facility shall prescribe procedures
2.14 necessary for the display.

2.15 Subd. 5. **Flag donation.** Any named public office or public official may accept a donation
2.16 of one or more Freedom Flags for the purpose of this section.

2.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.