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AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to display and use of the flag of the United States of America in parks and on public buildings

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 403-c to read as follows:

S 403-C. DISPLAY OF MISSING IN ATTACK ON OUR NATION FLAG TO BE COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE MIA-OON FLAG. 1. EVERY COUNTY, CITY, TOWN, AND VILLAGE IS ENCOURAGED TO DISPLAY THE MIA-OON FLAG AT THE BUILDING HOUSING ITS LOCAL LEGISLATIVE BODY FOR A PERIOD OF THIRTY DAYS OR SUCH LONGER PERIOD AS THAT BODY DEEMS APPROPRIATE EVERY YEAR COMMENCING EACH SEPTEMBER ELEVENTH.

2. EVERY STATE POLICE FACILITY, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE HEADQUARTERS, SUBSTATIONS, AND TRAINING ACADEMY, IS ENCOURAGED TO DISPLAY THE MIA-OON FLAG FOR A PERIOD OF THIRTY DAYS OR SUCH LONGER PERIOD AS THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE STATE POLICE DEEMS APPROPRIATE EVERY YEAR COMMENCING EACH SEPTEMBER ELEVENTH.

3. THE MIA-OON FLAG SHALL DISPLAY A BLACK SILHOUETTE OF A MOTHER HOLDING HER CHILD'S HAND UPON A FIELD OF YELLOW. UNDERNEATH THE IMAGE SHALL BE THE PHRASE "YOU WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED" IN BLACK LETTERING. THE IMAGE OF MOTHER AND CHILD SHALL SYMBOLIZE THE VULNERABILITY OF INNOCENTS TO TERRORIST ATTACK, WHILE THE YELLOW SHALL SYMBOLIZE THAT THOSE TAKEN BY TERRORIST ATTACKS WILL BE RETURNED TO THEIR LOVED ONES.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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