STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

March 31, 2025

Introduced by Sen. LANZA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Finance

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to authorizing the flag to be flown at half-staff to commemorate the death of certain members of the armed forces

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision 21 of section 403 of the executive law, as amended by chapter 666 of the laws of 2004, is amended to read as follows:

21. The flag shall be flown at full staff at all times except it shall be flown at half-staff on the eleventh of September, known as September 11th Remembrance Day, the seventh day of December, known as Pearl Harbor Day, and to commemorate the death of a personage of national or state standing or of a local [~~serviceman~~] **service member**, official or public servant who, in the opinion of the local agency concerned, contributed to the community. It may also be flown at half-staff during special periods of mourning designated by the President of the United States or the Governor of this state. **The Governor and all local agencies of this state shall order flags to be flown at half-staff to commemorate the death of any member of the armed forces of the United States who was a resident of the state and was killed in the course of action.**

§ 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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