## RESOLUTION NO. 14- 20

## A RESOULTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRICKS COUNTY, INDIANA

## **LOWERING OF FLAGS**

WHEREAS, the President of the United States and the Governor of the State of Indiana have the authority to determine when the United States flag and the Indiana flag are to be flown at half-staff providing a tribute to the death of an official, a citizen, an armed forces member and any specified event associated with either the United States or the State of Indiana; and

WHEREAS, there has been a trend for individuals and agencies to trivialize this honor that should be accorded this most solemn act by frequently lowering a flag to half-staff on inappropriate occasions; and

WHEREAS, over the years the Board of Commissioners of Hendricks County, Indiana have adopted a number of policies which have increased the parameters for the lowering of the flags to half-staff; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Hendricks County, Indiana that all previous policies governing the lowering of the flag to half-staff are hereby repealed and the following more restrictive policy is hereby by adopted.

## Flag Lowering Policy

Hendricks County government will lower the flag(s) to half-staff in accordance with the following;

Hendricks County will honor all requests of the President of the United States pertaining to the flags.

Hendricks County will honor all requests of the Governor of the State of Indiana pertaining to flags.

Only the Hendricks County flag will fly at half-staff for three days for the death of a current local elected official.

Only the Hendricks County flag will fly at half-staff for one day for the death of a former local elected official.

Only the Hendricks County flag will fly at half-staff for ½ day, the time of the funeral, for a current employee.

No flag will be lowered for the death of a former employee.

Approved and Adopted the 8th day of April, 2014.

HENDRICKS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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