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## AN ACT

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**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

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3 \* **Section 1.** AS 44.09.030 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

4 (d) When displayed horizontally in a public facility, the flag shall be  
5 positioned with the hoist on the left and the North Star in the upper right corner.

6 (e) When displayed vertically in a public facility, the flag shall be positioned  
7 with the hoist at the top and the North Star in the lower right corner.

8 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 44.09 is amended by adding new sections to read:

9 **Sec. 44.09.032. Folding and presenting the state flag.** (a) When folding the  
10 state flag, the following procedure shall be followed, whenever possible:

11 (1) hold the flag waist-high with another person, so that the flag is  
12 parallel to the ground and the hoist is on the left;

13 (2) fold the flag lengthwise, with the open edge up;

14 (3) holding the edges securely, rotate the flag so that five stars are  
15 facing up;

- 1 (4) fold the flag lengthwise a second time, with the open edge up;  
2 (5) holding the edges securely, rotate the flag so that two stars are  
3 facing up;  
4 (6) fold the flag widthwise, with the North Star facing down and the  
5 hoist on the right;  
6 (7) holding the edges securely, fold the flag widthwise a second time,  
7 with the North Star facing down and the hoist on the right;  
8 (8) fold the flag widthwise a third time, with the North Star facing up.

9 (b) When presenting the folded flag to another person, the folded flag should  
10 be turned so that the North Star is nearest the receiver.

11 **Sec. 44.09.034. Retirement of the state flag.** An official flag of the state that  
12 is no longer a fitting emblem for display because it is worn, tattered, or otherwise  
13 damaged may be respectfully retired by fire in a ceremony or other dignified manner  
14 honoring the flag as a fitting emblem for the state. When practicable, retirement of the  
15 state flag should occur in a public ceremony under the direction of uniformed  
16 personnel representing a state or federal military service or a patriotic society. If a  
17 formal ceremony is not practicable, a private ceremony is acceptable.

18 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 44.09.030(c) is repealed.