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§5-6-17. Display of the national motto and POW-MIA flag.

(a) The Legislature finds and declares that the national motto of “In God We Trust,” is an important part of our country’s history and heritage. Additionally, the POW-MIA flag is a symbol of citizen concern for U.S. military personnel taken as prisoners of war (POW) or listed as missing in action (MIA). These patriotic displays enhance our national pride and awareness, both of the sacrifices made by service members and our heritage as Americans.

(b) The governing authority of any public property, public buildings and any building, designed, constructed and maintained with public funds from the state, a county or a municipality may prominently display on the property or building, the American national motto, "In God We Trust." Costs associated with the display of the motto may be paid with any private donations, gifts, grants and bequests received by the governing authority.

(c) The governing authority of any public property, public buildings and any building, designed, constructed and maintained with public funds from the state, a county or a municipality may prominently display on the property or building, the POW-MIA flag in the same manner as prescribed by this code for the required display of national and state flags. Costs associated with the display of the POW-MIA flag may be paid with any private donations, gifts, grants and bequests received by the governing authority.

(d) The Department of Administration shall develop guidelines for display of the motto and POW-MIA flag.

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