

FLAG DAY - JUNE 14

On June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress in Philadelphia adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Flag of the United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field representing a new constellation.”

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is the first and only fraternal organization to require formal observance of Flag Day. In July of 1908, the Grand Lodge, assembled in Dallas, Texas, provided for the annual nationwide observance of Flag Day on the 14th of June in each year, by making it mandatory upon each Subordinate Lodge of the Order. June 14th was officially established as Flag Day by a proclamation by President Woodrow Wilson, issued May 30, 1916.



The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is a proud member of the Citizens Flag Alliance which supports legislation prohibiting physical desecration of the Flag of the United States.