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Town of Hubbardston Flag Policy

1. **Purpose:** This policy establishes guidelines regarding the display of flags on flagpoles owned and maintained by the Town of Hubbardston.
2. **Authority:** The choice of flags to be displayed on Town-owned flagpoles constitutes government speech and is under the authority of the Hubbardston Select Board. The Board does not intend for flagpoles to serve as a public forum for free expression.
3. **Flags Permitted:** The only flags permitted to fly on Town of Hubbardston flagpoles are:
 - The flag of the United States of America
 - The flag of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 - The official Town of Hubbardston flag
 - Flags of branches of the United States Armed Forces
 - The POW/MIA flag
4. **Appropriate Events:** The types of events and occasions for which a flag display request under this ordinance may be considered are restricted to those which have been formally proclaimed or designated by a governmental authority. Specifically, the qualifying governmental authorities and types of formal proclamations include:
 - a) A Proclamation issued by the President of the United States;
 - b) A Proclamation issued by the Congress of the United States;
 - c) A Proclamation issued by the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; or
 - d) A Proclamation issued by the Hubbardston Select Board
5. **Order of Precedence** When flown together, flags should be displayed in the following order:
 - The US flag
 - The Massachusetts state flag

- The Hubbardston town flag
 - Military/POW/MIA flags
6. **Half-Staff Protocol:** The Chair of the Select Board may order Town of Hubbardston flags to be flown at half-staff to commemorate the death of a Town employee killed in the line of duty or other significant occasions, in alignment with federal and state guidance. No other flag may be flown higher than the US flag when it is at half-staff.
 7. **Prohibited Flags:** Flags promoting particular causes, organizations, or viewpoints shall not be displayed on Town flagpoles. This includes commemorative flags. The Town does not accept requests from residents or groups to display special flags.
 8. Amendment The Select Board retains the right to amend this policy at any time.