

**RESOLUTION NO. 5 OF 2024  
(ADOPTING A FLAG DISPLAY POLICY FOR TOWN HALL)**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Guilderland displays at Town Hall the flags of the United States, State of New York, Town of Guilderland, and by approval of the Town Board, flags honoring Prisoners of War, Honor & Remembrance, the Town's Bicentennial, and Ukraine;

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board desires to display other flags to commemorate particular events or observances; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board also desires to establish a policy to clarify the types of flags that it may display at Town Hall.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. No flag shall be flown at Town Hall other than the flags of the United States, State of New York, or Town of Guilderland without the prior approval of the Town Board.
2. The flagpoles and other spaces at Town Hall where a flag may be flown shall constitute a government forum, not a public forum for private speech.
3. The Town Board's approval to fly a particular flag at Town Hall shall be a statement of the Town Board, and a form of government speech.
4. The Town Board shall only approved the flying of flags that commemorate events or observances that have observance days, months or periods of time declared by Proclamation of the President of the United States, by Act of Congress, or by Proclamation of the Governor of the State of New York.

**SO ORDERED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF GUILDERLAND  
BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE ON JUNE 4, 2024.**

Dated: June 5, 2024

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Lynne Buchanan, Town Clerk