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### MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND

On September 3, at Queensland Parliament, at schools, outside offices and homes, Queenslanders will raise the national flag for Australian National Flag Day.

Emblazoned with the Union Jack, Commonwealth Star and the Southern Cross, for 120 years the flag has been viewed by the majority of Australians as a unifying symbol of community pride and connection.

In times of triumph and of grief, we look to the flag – whether it's raised high to celebrate achievement and success, or flown at half-mast, as a respectful, solemn tribute through a period of mourning.

Each year at the Australia Day Flag Raising Ceremony in the proud garrison city of Townsville, I am reminded of the flag's enduring significance to our veteran community and its journey with the Australian Defence Force, through natural disasters, conflict, and peacekeeping missions.

I commend the Australian National Flag Association for its contribution, increasing awareness of the flag's long and fascinating history for more than three decades.

This Australian National Flag Day, I encourage all Queenslanders to fly or display the flag, while reflecting on the important values and traditions we all share as Australians.

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