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Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia

Message – Australian National Flag Day

Today, 3 September 2021, our Australian National Flag turns 120.

Many Australians both at home and abroad will look to our National Flag today and in their own private way reflect on what it means to them. To that end, I commend all at the Australian National Flag Association for their work in encouraging people to identify with our foremost national symbol.

Our National Flag is as unique as it is enduring. We were the first country to hold an open public competition to choose our National Flag – more than 32,800 Australians submitted designs – and to this day it is the only flag to fly over an entire continent. Our National Flag, not unlike the Australian character, is truly unique. It is a symbol of who we are, our history and our future.

At this moment in our nation's history, Linda and I encourage all Australians to look to our National Flag with pride and as a symbol of our strength, especially in times of adversity.

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