

FLAGS OVER THE CAPITOL - Three flags fly above the State Capitol: the United States flag, the N. C. State flag and the black POW/MIA flag (this flag flies in memory of the prisoners of war and soldiers missing in action who were lost in the Vietnam War).

The N. C. State flag is a symbol of pride for North Carolinians. Notice the two dates on the flag. On April 12, 1775, the Halifax Resolves were signed. On May 20, 1775, the Mecklenberg Declaration of Independence was signed. On a separate sheet of paper, write a paragraph explaining why these two dates are important in North Carolina's history. After reading the following law which created the N. C. State flag, color the flag in the proper fashion.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1: That the flag of North Carolina shall consist of a blue union, containing in the center thereof a white star with the letter N in gilt on the left and the letter C in gilt on the right of said star, the circle containing the same to be one-third the width of the union.

Section 2: That the fly of the flag shall consist of two equally proportioned bars; the upper bar to be red, the lower bar to be white; that the length of the bars horizontally shall be equal to the perpendicular length of the union, and the total length of the flag shall be one-third more than its width.

Section 3: that above the star in the center of the union there shall be a gilt scroll in semicircular form, containing letters this inscription: "May 20th, 1775" and that below the star there shall be a similar scroll containing in black letters the inscription: "April 12, 1776."

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this 9th day of March, A.D., 1885.

