



PETITION TO THE TOWN COUNCIL 2023 APR 27 PM 2: 38

To the Honorable Town Council of the Town of Bristol:

The undersigned hereby respectfully requests:

This year marks the 46th Celebration of Rhode Island Day of Portugal, and RI Day of Portugal. Every year, RI Day of Portugal hosts a flag raising in Bristol, where a vast Portuguese community lives, works, and serves. The flag raising ceremonies across Rhode Island various towns, honors the Portuguese Community and Day of Portugal (which is celebrated world wide) and leading to our festival event in June.

Honoring the Portuguese Flag alongside the American Flag, is a representation and official recognition of the Portuguese communities' presence and importance in the State of Rhode Island. The flag represents the entire history of its people, beliefs, struggles, and hopes. It is one of the most comprehensive universal symbols.

To continue the traditions of flag raising, the Rhode Island Day of Portugal Committee request permission for flag raising ceremony on Monday, June 5, at 11 a.m.

PLEASE NOTE:		3
Petition must be returned by 4:00 p.m., two (2) weeks prior to the Town Council meeting to place your request on the docket of the	SIGNATURE:	
meeting	NAME: Ana Isabel dos Reis	s Couto
for review and possible action. It is Council policy that action might not be taken on	ADDRESS:_F	
petitions unless recommendations, if	TOWN:	TOWN COUNCIL
necessary, from appropriate departments are received prior to the Council meeting.	BUSINESS TE	MAY 1 0 2023
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Part of the "History of National Flags" Series from Flagmakers

FLAG OF PORTUGAL - A BRIEF HISTORY







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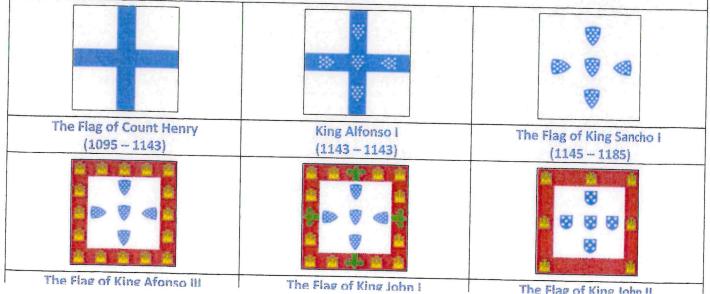
The green in the flag is to represent the hope of the nation and the red to symbolise the blood of the people who defended it.

Adopted:	30 th June 1911
Proportion:	2:3
Design:	A green and red bicolour with the lesser coat of arms over the boundary.
Colours:	PMS – Red: 485 CVC, Green: 349 CVC, Yellow: 803 CVC, Blue: 288 CVC, Black: Black 6 CVC CMYK – Red: 100% Magenta, 100% Yellow, Green: 100% Cyan 35% Magenta 100% Yellow, 30% Black; Yellow: 100% Yellow, Blue: 100% Cyan, 100% Magenta, 25% Yellow, 10% Black; Black: 100% Black

Brief History

The first known national flag was in 1095 with the rule of Count Henry, which was a square white flag with dark blue cross. When Afonso I took over in 1143 the only change to the flag were five sets of eleven silver bezants on each arm to symbolise the fact Afonso I could now issue currency. King Sancho I had a cross-made of blue shields where the bezants are.

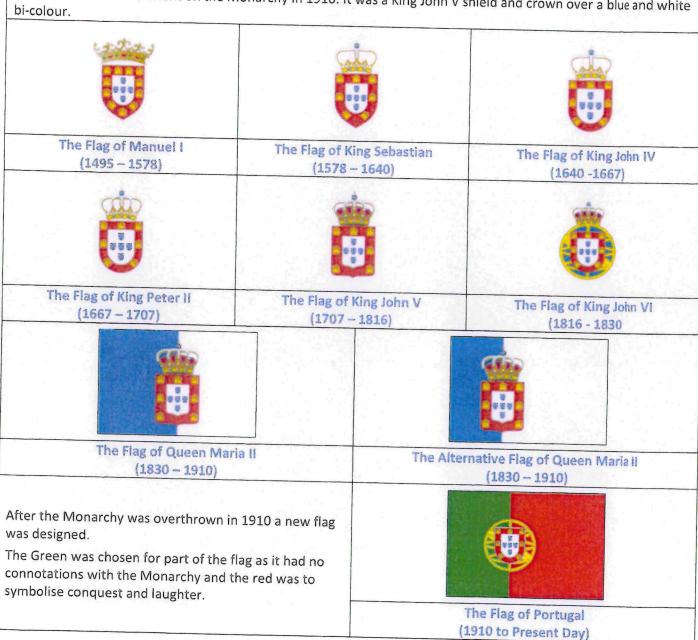
King Afonso III added a red boarder with 16 castles in 1248. King John I removed some castles from the border and added a green fleur de lyse cross. When his grandson, John II, took the thrown he removed fleur de lyse the cross and some castles.





King John II cousin took the thrown in 1495 and changed the flag from the square to a white flag with an ogival shaped shield at its centre, on top of the shield is royal crown. King Sebastian changed the crown and removed some of the castles and in 1640 King John IV changed the shape of the shield.

The crown was changed to a popular five-arched crown in 1667. King John V added a red beret under the crown and changed the shield to a "French type" shield. The final version of this flag was in 1816, when King John VI rounded the shield and added a blue filled yellow sphere, the arms of Brazil, underneath. The Queen Maria Flag lasted until the abolishment on the Monarchy in 1910. It was a King John V shield and crown over a blue and white bi-colour.





Brief History

Since the Freedom of Portugal from the Monarchy in 1910 there were various Governmental flags created. From 1911 the Flag of the President of the Republic has been a green field with the lesser Coat of Arms of Portugal in the centre. The ministers Flag is a white flag with green satire and the lesser Coat of Arms of Portugal in the middle.

From 1972 the Prime Minister Flag is the same as the Minsters Flag with the addition of gold laurel leaves inside a red boarder.

In 2006, the Flag of the Assembly of the Republic was designed and features a white flag with a green border. In its centre is the lesser Coat of Arms of Portugal.



The Flag of the President of the Republic (1911 to Present Day)



The Minister Flag (1911 to Present Day)



The Prime Minister Flag (1972 to Present Day)



The Flag of the Assembly of the Republic (2006 to Present Day)

The Coat of Arms of Portugal

The Coat of Arms of Portugal was adopted a year after the Monarchy was abolished in 1911.

It features the Coat of Arms has been used since the Middle ages with two gold branches connected with green and red ribbon.

There is a lesser coat of arms that does not have the branches.



Military Flags of Portugal

The Regimental Colours of the Portuguese Arms Force is a green and red bicolour with the Coat of Arms of the Army of Portugal in the centre. The Naval Jack of Portugal features a red flag with a green border with a lesser coat of arms inside.



The Regimental Colours of the Portuguese Armed Forces (1911 to Present Day)



The Naval Jack of Portugal (1911 to Present Day)

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