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MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND

This year marks the 116th birthday of our national flag, and this milestone is an important opportunity for us to come together as a community to celebrate what it means to be Australian.

Our flag is a powerful unifying symbol which represents all Australians.

For many of us, our flag has become a symbol of pride – in our nation, our people and our unique way of life.

Whether it is raised at the front of a school, business or Parliament House, it serves as a reminder that regardless of ethnicity, religion or race, we are all lucky to call Australia home.

In just over seven months, we will welcome visitors from across the globe to Queensland for the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games, where our Australian flag will fly proudly uniting competitors and spectators behind our team.

This Australia National Flag Day, I encourage Queenslanders to pause and reflect on who we are as a nation and how far we have come, remembering those who came before us and those who will come after us.

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