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50-STAR FLAG BECOMES OFFICIAL UNITED STATES STANDARD

INDEPENDENCE HALL — The 50-star flag of the United States is raised at Independence Hall in Philadelphia, signalling the official adoption of the new flag. Hawaii, the 50th state, entered the Union on August 21, 1959. The 49-star flag, for the admission of Alaska, was first flown on this same flagpole just one year earlier. The 48-star flag became the official national emblem in 1912 when Arizona and New Mexico entered the Union. The U.S. Declaration of Independence was signed in Independence Hall on July 4, 1776. (60-10506)

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