

## = Flag of Indiana =

The flag of Indiana was designed by Paul Hadley and officially adopted by the state of Indiana on May 31 , 1917 . It was the state 's first official flag and has remained unchanged since then except for the creation of a statute to standardize the production of the flag .

## = History =

To commemorate the state 's 1916 centennial anniversary , the Indiana General Assembly issued a resolution to adopt a state flag . At the request of the General Assembly , a contest was sponsored by the Indiana Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution to design a flag to serve as the official state banner . As an incentive to increase the number of submissions , the contest offered the winner a one hundred dollar cash prize . More than two hundred submissions were received and examined by the Society before a winner was selected . The entry created by Paul Hadley of Mooresville , Indiana , was ultimately chosen as the winner of the contest and the cash prize .

On May 31 , 1917 , the flag was chosen as the state 's official banner . The General Assembly made only one change to Hadley 's original design : they added the word Indiana , in a crescent shape , over the top of the torch . The state banner was later renamed the state 's flag in a new statute passed in 1955 that also standardized the dimensions of the flag .

## = Iconography =

The flag consists of a gold torch that represents liberty and enlightenment ; the rays around the torch represent their far @-@ reaching influence . The nineteen stars represent Indiana 's place as the nineteenth state to join the United States . The thirteen stars in the outer loop symbolize the original Thirteen Colonies , the five inner stars represent the next five states added to the Union , and the one large star above the torch represents Indiana .

In 2001 , a survey conducted by the North American Vexillological Association ( NAVA ) placed Indiana 's flag 32nd in design quality out of the 72 Canadian provincial , U.S. state and U.S. territorial flags ranked .

## = Statute =

The current statute that governs the design of the state flag states :

The flag 's dimensions shall be three feet fly by two feet hoist ; or five feet fly by three feet hoist ; or any size proportionate to either of those dimensions . The field of the flag shall be blue with nineteen stars and a flaming torch in gold or buff . Thirteen stars shall be arranged in an outer circle , representing the original thirteen states ; five stars shall be arranged in a half circle below the torch and inside the outer circle of stars , representing the states admitted prior to Indiana ; and the nineteenth star , appreciably larger than the others and representing Indiana shall be placed above the flame of the torch . The outer circle of stars shall be so arranged that one star shall appear directly in the middle at the top of the circle , and the word " Indiana " shall be placed in a half circle over and above the star representing Indiana and midway between it and the star in the center above it . Rays shall be shown radiating from the torch to the three stars on each side of the star in the upper center of the circle .

## = Usage =

Several other laws govern the use of the state flag . The flag is required to be flown by all state militias and the Indiana National Guard . It is to be on display at the Indiana Statehouse at all times . The flag must also be displayed at any agency that is funded in part or in full by the state government , including public schools , state universities , and state parks . In all other respects the

flag should be treated with the same care and respect as the flag of the United States .

In late 2008 , Tribune Media station WTTV in Indianapolis began to use the flag 's design as part of their station 's logo until acquiring CBS affiliation in January 2015 .

A variation of the Indiana state flag was used as the Gotham flag in the 1989 movie Batman . The flag can be seen in the mayor 's office .

The logo of the BP @-@ acquired Amoco Corporation ( formerly Standard Oil of Indiana ) prominently features a torch to commemorate the company 's Indiana origins ; it remains in use at the few BP stations using Amoco and Standard trade dress to maintain trademark protection .