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San Andreas 2025 Flag Competition

Rockford Hills (City Hall) -- The government of San Andreas is calling on all citizens to help create a new symbol for the state. This is a unique opportunity to contribute to the future of San Andreas by designing a flag that represents our values, history, and diverse culture.

The Executive Branch is also excited to announce our new State Animal, and State Flower:

• State Animal: Cougar

The cougar, or mountain lion, stands as a powerful symbol of the State of San Andreas, embodying both the rugged independence and tenacity that characterize this unique landscape. Roaming the vast wilderness and mountainous terrains, the cougar thrives in the most challenging environments, much like the people of San Andreas, who navigate diverse challenges with resilience and adaptability. This majestic predator reflects the state's fierce spirit, balancing strength with agility, and a keen instinct to survive. Just as the cougar is a protector of its territory, San Andreas citizens hold strong to their roots, whether in the bustling cities or the open, untamed countryside. The cougar symbolizes both the wild heart and enduring soul of San Andreas, encapsulating the strength, freedom, and natural beauty that defines the state.

State Flower: Red Poppy

The red poppy is a fitting emblem for the State of San Andreas, symbolizing both remembrance and resilience. Known for its vibrant color and delicate yet enduring nature, the red poppy thrives across the fields and hills of San Andreas, standing out against the rugged landscape much like the state's bold and diverse culture. This flower represents the sacrifices and struggles that have shaped San Andreas, as well as the beauty and hope that come from growth and renewal. Rooted deeply in the soil, the red poppy also reflects a deep connection to the land, much like the people who call San Andreas home. It embodies a blend of resilience and remembrance, reminding citizens of their history while inspiring a bright, enduring future for the state.

This flag will be utilized across the State of San Andreas, starting with all digital documents before moving to being installed in Government facilities, and other public venues (sometime by 2030).

Design Requirements:

- The design must represent the identity and values of San Andreas.
 - The design should highlight the State of San Andreas.
 - o The design should include features specific to San Andreas (geography, culture, etc).
 - The design should include either the State Flower (Red Poppy) or the State Animal (Cougar).
 - The design should not show any specific group or criminal affiliation. It should not encourage or condone any crime.
- The flag must adhere to a 2:1 Ratio (Ideally being 2048 x 1024 Pixels)
 - o PNG, JPG, or vector formats are preferred.
- Designs must be original. Al entries will be rejected.
- You may submit up to three (3) designs.

Submission and Selection:

- All submissions must be uploaded to the state official form (attached)
- All submissions will be reviewed by the governor's Executive Cabinet and the State Legislature; the top five (5) flags will be published in a poll for the citizens of San Andreas to vote on.
- Submissions will be open until November 17, 2024, at 8:00 pm EST.

Reward/Prize:

• There is a total \$50,000 prize pool for the first place winner.