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California state flag



On June 14, 1846, a small band of settlers captured the town of Sonoma from Mexico. They declared California a Republic independent of Mexico. This uprising became known as the Bear Flag Revolt after the hastily designed flag depicting a grizzly bear and a five pointed star over a red bar and the words "California Republic." It was adopted as the State Flag by the State Legislature in 1911.



The state flower is the California Poppy (*Eschscholzia californica*).