The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

"I pledge allegiance

to the Flag of the United States of America

and to the Republic for which it stands,

one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

- Francis M. Bellamy

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October 12, 1892 - first used in public schools to celebrate Columbus Day.

1923 - the words "my flag" were changed to "the flag of the United States" by the National Flag Conference.

June 22, 1942 - received official recognition by a Congressional act.

June 14, 1954 - the phrase "under God" was approved by a Congressional act during President Eisenhower's administration.