These three flags, installed on September 15th, the International Day of Democracy, through the 2020 US Election Day on November 3, transform the international signal of distress into a sign of solidarity and connectedness. Color Code 2020 uses the universal languages of Morse code and color theory as a call for humanity and a willingness to help one another. Visualizing Morse code into dots and dashes a pattern forms with each flag representing the letters S (three dots) O (three dashes) S (three dots) and color combinations informed by color theory the installation remains an effective visual distress signal an ambigram that can be read upside down or right side up.

As the world adjusts to new norms in challenging times, Color Code 2020 offers a reconsideration of how language, objects and symbols, and even color can help us find stable ground and safety no matter where we are. Installed temporarily in 12 locations throughout the United States during the crucial time leading up to the US Election, Color Code 2020 reminds us as US Representative John Lewis said, “Democracy is not a state. It is an act and each generation must do its part to hold it dear.”