State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-031

ORDERING FLAGS TO HALF-STAFF TO MEMORALIZE THE VICTIMS OF COVID-19 AND TO HONOR THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS AND LOVED ONES

This Order commemorates the hundreds of New Mexicans who have lost their lives for reasons related to the novel coronavirus 2019 ("COVID-19") pandemic and acknowledges the grief and hardships experienced by their family members and loved ones.

Over the past two and a half months, the New Mexico Department of Health has recorded 294 COVID-related deaths in New Mexico and, in recent weeks, it has reported multiple new deaths on a daily basis.

While the death of a family member or loved one is never easy, it can be a particularly challenging experience when the condition killing that person requires the person to be isolated and to greatly limit all proximity and physical contact. Funerals and other memorial services or ceremonies are also difficult to arrange during this time for all grieving individuals who have lost a family member or loved one.

The State of New Mexico stands with the victims of the pandemic and their family members; they will not be forgotten. Only by recognizing the toll of COVID-19 can our State hope to move forward and address this public health crisis with a proper awareness of its impacts.

It is appropriate to publicly honor and mourn the individuals who have been killed by COVID-19 and to express support for their family members and loved ones during a time when

the federal government and many of our sister states are also acknowledging those individuals.

THEREFORE, I, Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor of the State of New Mexico, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of New Mexico, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT that all state flags be flown at half-staff beginning at sundown on May 22, 2020 and lasting though sundown of May 25, 2020. This action will serve to commemorate those who have lost their lives to COVID-19 and the family members and loved ones that they have left behind.

ATTEST:

Maggie Toulouse Oliver

MAGGIE TOULOUSE OLIVER
SECRETARY OF STATE

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
THIS 22ND DAY OF MAY 2020

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT
SEAL OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

Michelle Lujan Grisham

MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM
GOVERNOR

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