

State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-076

ORDERING FLAGS TO HALF-STAFF IN MEMORIAL OF THE 1,000 NEW MEXICANS LOST TO COVID-19 AND TO HONOR THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS AND LOVED ONES

This Order commemorates the more than one thousand 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. The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has impacted all New Mexicans in numerous ways. However, our greatest loss from this virus are the lives taken from our community.

The State of New Mexico stands with the victims of the pandemic and their family members; they will not be forgotten. By recognizing this irreparable loss from COVID-19 our State must continue to address this public health crisis with a proper awareness of its impacts. New Mexicans must continue to take precautions to prevent opportunities for the virus to spread. The lives of our loved ones and friends are too precious to place at risk.

Therefore, 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.

Now, 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 commencing Monday, November 2, 2020

and lasting though sundown Friday November 6, 2020. This action will serve to commemorate the New Mexicans who have lost their lives to COVID-19.

ATTEST:

Maggie Dondouse Olin MAGGIE TOULOUSE OLIVER SECRETARY OF STATE



DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE THIS 30TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2020

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