



State of New Mexico  
Office of the Governor

Bill Richardson  
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2007-031

FLAGS FLOWN AT HALF STAFF IN HONOR AND MOURNING  
OF PFC. HENRY BYRD III

WHEREAS, United States Army Pfc. Henry Byrd, III, Age 20, tragically lost his life while serving in Iraq, on June 24, 2007;

WHEREAS, Pfc. Byrd graduated from Belen High School in 2004 and joined the Army in January, 2006;

WHEREAS, Pfc. Byrd was assigned to the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 30<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Georgia;

WHEREAS, Pfc. Byrd is survived by his Father, Henry J. Byrd, II, of Veguita; his Mother, Yolanda Lopez of Albuquerque; two sisters, Erica Byrd of Belen and Della Canamar of Albuquerque and a stepbrother, Robert Vallejos of Los Lunas; and

WHEREAS, Pfc. Byrds' patriotism, bravery, and dedication to the nation will always be remembered.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Governor Bill Richardson, Governor of the State of New Mexico, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the Laws of the State of New Mexico, do hereby order that all flags be flown at half-staff from Monday, July 2, 2007, until sundown on Tuesday, July 3, 2007, in honor and mourning of United States Army Pfc. Henry Byrd, III. The thoughts and prayers of the people of New Mexico go out to his family as well as a heartfelt thank you for his courageous service.

ATTEST:

MARY HERRERA  
SECRETARY OF STATE

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE THIS  
29<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2007

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

BILL RICHARDSON  
GOVERNOR OF NEW MEXICO

