



State of New Mexico  
Office of the Governor

Bill Richardson  
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2007-042

FLAGS FLOWN AT HALF STAFF IN HONOR AND MOURNING  
OF CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON

WHEREAS, United States Army Chief Warrant Officer Christopher Johnson, age 31, tragically lost his life while serving in Al Taqqadum, Iraq on Tuesday, August 14, 2007;

WHEREAS, Chief Warrant Officer Johnson was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan on November 27, 1975. He grew up in Grand Rapids and graduated from Tri-Unity Christian School before his parents moved to Gallup, New Mexico. He joined the Army in 1994 and went on to become a Green Beret and a member of Task Force Dragon;

WHEREAS, Chief Warrant Officer Johnson was assigned to the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 52<sup>nd</sup> Aviation Regiment, Task Force 49, Fort Wainwright, Alaska;

WHEREAS, Chief Warrant Officer Johnson is survived by his parents, Charles and Mary Johnson, his wife, Vivian Johnson, children, Dylan, Jonathan and Victoria, grandmother, Marion Johnson, grandmother, Bernice Plersma, and sisters, Laura Jo Evens and Dawn Vink; and

WHEREAS, Chief Warrant Officer Johnson dedicated his life to serving his country and will always be remembered for his bravery and patriotism.

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 Friday, August 24, 2007, until sundown on Saturday, August 25, 2007, in honor and mourning of United States Army Chief Warrant Officer Johnson. 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  
21<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2007

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

  
BILL RICHARDSON  
GOVERNOR OF NEW MEXICO

