



## **Governor Bill Richardson Orders Flags To Be Flown At Half-Staff To Honor Roswell Sergeant Tommy L. Gray**

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SANTA FE- Governor Bill Richardson today issued an Executive Order directing that flags in New Mexico be flown at half-staff Thursday and Friday, August 5-6, to honor Sergeant Tommy L. Gray of Roswell. Sergeant Gray died in the city of Taji on Tuesday.

Sergeant Gray gave his life bravely serving his country in the war against terror," said Governor Bill Richardson. "Our hearts and prayers go out to his family and friends, and to all New Mexicans who have lost loved ones in the war."

"New Mexico has paid a heavy price in the war in Iraq," said Governor Richardson. "I am truly proud of all of the brave New Mexico men and women in uniform serving at home and abroad."

### **EXECUTIVE ORDER 2004-022**

#### **FLAGS FLOWN AT HALF STAFF IN HONOR AND MOURNING OF TOMMY L. GRAY**

**WHEREAS**, Sergeant Tommy L. Gray, a native New Mexican, tragically lost his life on August 3, 2004 while serving his country in Iraq as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

**WHEREAS**, Sergeant Tommy L. Gray was assigned to the Army 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division's 215<sup>th</sup> Forward Support Battalion based at Fort Hood, Texas. Sergeant Gray was a tank mechanic assigned to work in the motor pool. Sergeant Gray entered the Army in April 1990 and had been assigned to Fort Hood since March of 1999; and

**WHEREAS**, Sergeant Tommy L. Gray was a resident of the City of Roswell; and

**WHEREAS**, Sergeant Tommy L. Gray dedicated his life to serving his country and will be remembered for his bravery and patriotism.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Richardson, Governor of the State of New Mexico, by virtue of the authority vested in the Governor, do hereby order that all flags be flown at half-staff from Wednesday, August 4, 2004, through Friday, August 6, 2004, in honor and mourning of Sergeant Tommy L. Gray. The thoughts and prayers of the people of New Mexico go out to the family of Sergeant Tommy L. Gray as well as a heartfelt thank you for his military service.

ATTEST:  
OFFICE

REBECCA VIGIL-GIRON  
GREAT  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
MEXICO

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE

THIS 4<sup>th</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2004

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE  
SEAL OF THE STATE OF NEW

BILL RICHARDSON  
GOVERNOR OF NEW MEXICO

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