



Governor Bill Richardson Orders Flags To Be Flown At Half-Staff To Honor Roswell Sergeant Moses Daniel Rocha

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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 Saturday and Monday, August 7 and 9th, 2004, to honor Sergeant Moses Daniel Rocha of Roswell. Sergeant Rocha died in combat in the city of Najaf.

I am deeply saddened by the news of the death of Sergeant Rocha,” said Governor Bill Richardson. “This is the second death in less than a week for the city of Roswell and again points out the tremendous sacrifice of New Mexicans in defending our nation in the war against terror. His sacrifice and his courage will never be forgotten.”

Governor Richardson this evening spoke by phone with Sergeant Rocha’s mother to offer his condolences, and express the gratitude of all New Mexicans for her son’s willing service to his country.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2004-042

FLAGS FLOWN AT HALF STAFF IN HONOR AND MOURNING OF MOSES DANIEL ROCHA

WHEREAS, Sergeant Moses Daniel Rocha, a New Mexican, tragically lost his life this week while serving his country in Iraq as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Moses Daniel Rocha was a member of the United States Marines; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Moses Daniel Rocha was fatally shot in combat in Najaf, Iraq; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Moses Daniel Rocha 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 on Saturday, August 7, 2004, and Monday, August 9, 2004, in honor and mourning of Sergeant Moses Daniel Rocha. The thoughts and prayers of the people of New Mexico go out to the family of Sergeant Moses Daniel Rocha 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 6th DAY OF AUGUST, 2004

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE
SEAL OF THE STATE OF NEW

BILL RICHARDSON
GOVERNOR OF NEW MEXICO