



State of New Mexico

Office of the Governor

Bill Richardson
Governor

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Governor Bill Richardson orders flags to half-staff to honor Otero County Sheriff Robert Hedman

SANTA FE -- Governor Bill Richardson today ordered all flags be flown at half-staff in honor and mourning of Deputy Robert Hedman from Wednesday, December 22, 2004, through sundown Thursday, December 23, 2004.

“Thousands of people in New Mexico are affected by domestic violence,” said Governor Bill Richardson. “This is a tragic example. Deputy Hedman died courageously in the line of duty. I’ll never forget his commitment to his family, his job and his community. I extend my deepest sympathy to Deputy Hedman’s family and friends.”

Otero County Sheriff Deputy Robert Hedman tragically lost his life on December 18, 2004 while responding to a domestic violence dispute. He served two years with the Otero County Sheriff’s office and was a veteran of the Vietnam War.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2004-066

FLAGS FLOWN AT HALF STAFF IN HONOR AND MOURNING OF ROBERT HEDMAN

WHEREAS, Otero County Sheriff’s Deputy Robert Hedman tragically lost his life in the line of duty while responding to a domestic violence dispute on December 18, 2004;

WHEREAS, Deputy Hedman had served with the Otero County Sheriff's Department for over two years;

WHEREAS, Deputy Hedman had previously served with the Alamogordo Department of Public Safety, the Tularosa Police Department and the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department;

WHEREAS, Deputy Hedman had also served his country in the armed forces and is a Veteran of the Vietnam War;

WHEREAS, Deputy Hedman, a resident of the Cloudcroft area, is survived by his wife Cheryl Hedman, his two children, and two stepchildren; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Hedman deserves to be honored for his service, sacrifice, and bravery in the line of duty.

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, December 22, 2004, through sundown Thursday, December 23, 2004, in honor and mourning of Deputy Robert Hedman. The thoughts and prayers of the people of New Mexico go out to the family of Deputy Robert Hedman as well as a heartfelt thank you for his service in protecting New Mexico's citizens.

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REBECCA VIGIL-GIRON
GREAT SEAL
SECRETARY OF STATE

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE

21st DAY OF DECEMBER, 2004

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OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

BILL RICHARDSON
GOVERNOR OF NEW MEXICO