



# State of New Mexico

## *Office of the Governor*

**Bill Richardson**  
Governor

### **Governor Bill Richardson Orders Flags in New Mexico To Be Flown At Half-Staff In Honor of Jesse Bingaman, Father of U.S. Senator Jeff Bingaman**

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SANTA FE- Governor Bill Richardson today issued an Executive Order directing flags in New Mexico to fly at half-staff to honor the late Jesse F. Bingaman, Sr., father of U.S. Senator Jeff Bingaman. Jesse Bingaman passed away yesterday at the age of 93.

The Executive Order states that flags in New Mexico should be flown at half-staff from today through the interment, which has not yet been scheduled.

#### **EXECUTIVE ORDER 2004-01**

**WHEREAS**, Jesse F. Bingaman, Sr., father of Senator Jeff Bingaman, dedicated his life to his family, public service in science and science education, and through his leadership inspired people of all ages;

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Bingaman moved to New Mexico in early 1920 with his parents and his four brothers, first to Santa Rita, and later to Silver City. He attended public schools in Silver City and graduated in 1930 from New Mexico State Teachers College (now Western New Mexico University);

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Bingaman began teaching at the college before his formal graduation and his teaching career extended for 45 years until he retired in 1976 as head of

the WNMU Science Department. In 1933 he earned a Masters Degree in Chemistry from Stanford University. In 1990 he was awarded an honorary Doctorate in Science by Western New Mexico University;

**WHEREAS**, During World War II, Bingaman served as a second lieutenant in the US Navy, as an instructor in sonar detection in San Diego, California; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Bingaman was a devoted husband and father who is survived by his two children Rachel Koel and Senator Jeff Bingaman, daughter-in-law Anne K. Bingaman, grandsons Tom Koel and Eric Koel, and John Bingaman, and great-grandson Christopher Koel.

**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, January 7, 2004, through the date of interment, in mourning and in honor of Jesse F. Bingaman, Sr. The thoughts and prayers of the people of New Mexico go out to the family of Jesse F. Bingaman, Sr. as well as a heartfelt thank you for his public service.

ATTEST:  
OFFICE

REBECCA VIGIL-GIRON  
GREAT  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
MEXICO

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE

THIS 7<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2004

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE

SEAL OF THE STATE OF NEW

DIANE D. DENISH  
LT. GOVERNOR, PURSUANT TO  
HER AUTHORITY AS ACTING  
GOVERNOR OF NEW MEXICO

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