



## **State of New Mexico**

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### **Governor Bill Richardson Declares June 11, 2004 “A Day of Remembrance of President Ronald Wilson Reagan”**

#### **Governor Will Travel to the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley To Pay His Respects to President Ronald Wilson Reagan**

Santa Fe: Governor Bill Richardson today issued an Executive Order declaring Friday, June 11, 2004 as a “Day of Remembrance of President Ronald Wilson Reagan.”

“In order to permit New Mexico state employees to observe this day in an appropriate manner of their choosing, I have issued an Executive Order closing all nonessential state offices and granting leave to all nonessential state personnel on June 11, 2004,” Governor Bill Richardson said. “I will travel to the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library today to pay my respects to the former President and I will return to New Mexico tonight.”

The governor encourages all state employees to watch the memorial services for President Reagan in Washington, D. C.

President Ronald Wilson Reagan, fortieth President of the United States, and thirty-third Governor of California, died the fifth day of June, 2004. The President of the United States, George W. Bush, has by executive order directed that executive departments, independent establishments, and other federal governmental agencies be closed on Friday, June 11, 2004, as a mark of respect for former President Reagan.

“It is fitting and proper that New Mexicans be given an opportunity to take part in the National Day of Remembrance in memory of President Reagan, who brought back grace, strength and class to the American Presidency and restored the nation’s pride at a time when our collective spirits were low. I want to join all New Mexicans in honoring and remembering President Reagan on Friday June 11, 2004,” Governor Richardson said.

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