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Governor Bill Richardson Orders Flags Be Flown At Half-Staff for Two Slain Albuquerque Police Officers

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SANTA FE- Governor Bill Richardson this morning ordered the flags to be flow at half-staff in honor of the two Albuquerque police department officers who were murdered in cold blood last night. "These brave police officers were gunned down last night doing their job protecting us, responding to a call. They lost their lives but their service and sacrifice will never be forgotten," Governor Richardson said.

"It is a sad day for all of us and our prayers go out to the family and loved ones of our fallen officers. We owe every officer so much. Our laws are only as strong as their enforcement and all law enforcement is contingent on the dedication and professionalism of all our men and women in uniform," Governor Richardson said.

Flags will be flown at half-staff today through sundown Saturday, August 20th, in honor of the slain officers.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2005-041

FLAGS FLOWN AT HALF STAFF IN HONOR AND MOURNING OF TWO ALBUQUERQUE POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

WHEREAS, two police officers of the Albuquerque Police Department were honorable members of law enforcement who both were veterans of the APD for more than 20 years each;

WHEREAS, in a tragic event on the evening of August 18, 2005, their lives were taken while serving in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, these honorable men both leave behind wives and children: and

WHEREAS, they dedicated their lives to protecting the citizens of New Mexico and they will be remembered for their bravery and esteemed service.

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 Friday, August 19, 2005, until sundown on Saturday, August 20, 2005, in honor and mourning of these two police officers. The thoughts and prayers of the people of New Mexico go out to their families as well as a heartfelt thank you for their courageous service.

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REBECCA VIGIL-GIRON
GREAT SEAL
SECRETARY OF STATE
MEXICO

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19TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2005

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BILL RICHARDSON GOVERNOR OF
NEW MEXICO