



# State of New Mexico

## *Office of the Governor*

**Bill Richardson**  
Governor

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### **Governor Bill Richardson orders flags to half-staff in honor of Representative Urioste**

SANTA FE - Governor Bill Richardson today ordered state flags to fly at half-staff in honor of Representative Mario Urioste. The flags will fly at half-staff today, Monday, January 31, 2005.

“Representative Urioste was a fighter and an inspiration for the people of New Mexico as a strong advocate for education, minorities and his district,” said Governor Richardson. “I extend my deepest sympathy to his family and friends.”

#### **EXECUTIVE ORDER 2005-002**

#### **FLAGS FLOWN AT HALF STAFF IN HONOR AND MOURNING OF REPRESENTATIVE MARIO URIOSTE**

**WHEREAS**, Mario Urioste, a resident of Clovis, passed away on Wednesday, January 26, 2005 after a lengthy and courageous battle with lupus;

**WHEREAS**, Mario Urioste is survived by Irene, his wife of more than 30 years, and his children;

**WHEREAS**, Mario Urioste served in the New Mexico House of Representatives from 1999-2002, representing Curry, De Baca and Roosevelt counties;

**WHEREAS**, Representative Urioste also served on the Clovis school board for 13 years;

**WHEREAS**, Representative Urioste was a vocal advocate for education and a strong representative of his community, and served on the Business and Industry, Education, and Transportation Committees; and

**WHEREAS**, Representative Urioste will be missed by all those whose lives have been touched by him.

**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 Monday, January 31, 2005, in honor and mourning of Representative Mario Urioste. The thoughts and prayers of the people of New Mexico go out to his family as well as a heartfelt thank you for his distinguished public service.

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REBECCA VIGIL-GIRON  
GREAT SEAL  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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31<sup>st</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2005

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OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

BILL RICHARDSON  
GOVERNOR OF NEW MEXICO