



State of New Mexico

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Governor

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Governor Bill Richardson orders flags to half-staff to honor Northern New Mexican killed in Iraq

SANTA FE -- Governor Bill Richardson today ordered flags to be flown at half-staff through sundown on Tuesday, May 17, 2005 to honor and mourn Lance Cpl. Jonathan Walter Grant of Pojoaque. Grant, who was 23 years old, lost his life Tuesday in Iraq when the vehicle he was riding hit a land mine.

"The war in Iraq hits closer to home every day," Governor Richardson said. "Lance Cpl. Jonathan Walter Grant is the embodiment of a dedicated serviceman who selflessly served and gave his life for his country. I extend my deepest sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Jonathan Grant."

Lance Cpl. Jonathan Walter Grant, who grew up in Pojoaque Valley, joined the United States Marines in 2002 and specialized in radio operations. He leaves behind a fiancée, Eva Maestas, whom he had planned to marry next spring, and their two children, Cynthia and Evan, ages 5 years and 17 months.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2005-028

FLAGS FLOWN AT HALF STAFF IN HONOR AND MOURNING OF LANCE CORPORAL JONATHAN WALTER GRANT

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Jonathan Walter Grant, a native of the Pojoaque Valley, passed away on Wednesday, May 11, 2005, in Iraq after his armored vehicle was destroyed by a bomb;

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Jonathan Walter Grant earned his GED in 2000 and enlisted in the Marines in 2002;

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Jonathan Walter Grant worked in radio communications and had been serving in Iraq since early this year;

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Jonathan Walter Grant is survived by his fiancée, his two children aged 5 years and 17 months, and his numerous relatives in the Espanola area; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Jonathan Walter Grant dedicated his life to serving his country and will be remembered for his bravery and patriotism.

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 Monday, May 16, 2005, until sundown on Tuesday, May 17, 2005, in honor and mourning of Lance Corporal Jonathan Walter Grant. The thoughts and prayers of the people of New Mexico go out to his family as well as a heartfelt thank you for his courageous service.

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REBECCA VIGIL-GIRON
GREAT SEAL
SECRETARY OF STATE

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE

16TH DAY OF MAY, 2005

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

BILL RICHARDSON
GOVERNOR OF NEW MEXICO

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