



# State of New Mexico

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### **Governor Bill Richardson Issues Statement on Passing of President Ford**

SANTA FE – Governor Bill Richardson today issued the following statement marking the passing of former President Gerald Ford:

“President Ford will always be remembered for his dignity, his bipartisanship, and his honorable and devoted service to our great nation at a tumultuous time in our history,” Governor Bill Richardson said. “President Ford was a friend to New Mexico, and his legacy lives on through the contributions he and his wife, Betty, have made to the Bosque School in Albuquerque. On behalf of all New Mexicans, I offer my sincere condolences and prayers to President Ford’s family.”

In honor of President Ford, all flags will fly at half-staff for 30 days – through Jan. 26. President Bush signed a federal proclamation directing that the U.S. flag be displayed at half-staff. The federal proclamation also applies to the New Mexico flag, which under federal law must fly lower than the U.S. flag.

The White House proclamation can be found at:  
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2006/12/20061227-1.html>

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