



# State of New Mexico

## *Office of the Governor*

**Bill Richardson**  
Governor

For Immediate Release  
June 6, 2006

Contact: Yasine Mogharreban  
505-476-2299

## **Governor Richardson Lowers Flags to Honor State Police Officer James Archuleta**

SANTA FE – Governor Bill Richardson today ordered flags to fly at half-staff to honor State Police Officer James Archuleta who was killed in the line of duty.

Officer Archuleta is survived by his fiancée, Veronica Archuleta; children, Alexis Jean and Jesse-James Archuleta; mother, Phyllis Archuleta and step-father, Levie; father, Donnie Archuleta, step-mother Becky Archuleta and siblings Jessica Martinez, Leon Archuleta and Jennifer Archuleta.

In honor of Officer Archuleta's sacrifice, Governor Richardson ordered state flags be flown at half-staff from Wednesday, June 7, 2006, until sundown on Thursday, June 8, 2006,

### **EXECUTIVE ORDER 2006-028**

#### **FLAGS FLOWN AT HALF STAFF IN HONOR OF OFFICER JAMES ARCHULETA**

**WHEREAS**, Officer James Archuleta, age 27, tragically passed away on Sunday, June 4, 2006;

**WHEREAS**, Officer Archuleta was born on September 10, 1978 and was a resident of El Rito, New Mexico;

**WHEREAS**, Officer Archuleta graduated from McCurdy High School, served in the U.S. Marine Corps, then joined the reserves and was called to active duty and served a tour of duty in Iraq. Officer Archuleta was a two-year State Police veteran, having been commissioned on June 18, 2004;

**WHEREAS**, Officer Archuleta is survived by his fiancée, Veronica Archuleta; children, Alexis Jean and Jesse-James Archuleta; mother, Phyllis Archuleta and step-father, Levie; father, Donnie Archuleta, step-mother Becky Archuleta and siblings Jessica Martinez, Leon Archuleta and Jennifer Archuleta; and

**WHEREAS**, Officer Archuleta's patriotism and dedication to the State of New Mexico will always be remembered.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Governor Bill Richardson, Governor of the State of New Mexico, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the Laws of the State of New Mexico, do hereby order that all flags be flown at half-staff from Wednesday, June 7, 2006, until sundown on Thursday, June 8, 2006, in honor and mourning of Officer James Archuleta. The thoughts and prayers of the people of New Mexico go out to his family as well as a heartfelt thank you for his service to New Mexico.

**ATTEST:**

**OFFICE THIS 6<sup>TH</sup>**

**DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE**

**DAY OF JUNE, 2006**

**REBECCA VIGIL-GIRON  
GREAT SEAL  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
MEXICO**

**WITNESS MY HAND AND THE  
OF THE STATE OF NEW**

**BILL RICHARDSON  
GOVERNOR OF NEW MEXICO**

#30#