



# State of New Mexico

## Office of the Governor

**Bill Richardson**  
Governor

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### **Governor Bill Richardson Lowers Flags for Lucy M. Salazar**

*Salazar was a longtime disability advocate and prominent figure in New Mexico politics*

SANTA FE – Governor Bill Richardson ordered flags to be lowered in honor of Lucy M. Salazar, a longtime advocate for people with disabilities and a prominent figure in New Mexico politics, who passed away last Sunday after a sudden illness. 1

Ms. Salazar was a longtime aide to former U.S. Representative Manuel Lujan, Jr., during his time in Congress as well as during his subsequent tenure as Secretary of the Interior under President George H.W. Bush.

She was a long-standing board member for Very Special Arts, which promotes art for individuals with disabilities. She also volunteered with the EVENSTART program – a family literacy program. She served on many other boards, was honored in 1995 as Volunteer of the Year, and was recognized by President George W. Bush in 2002 for her volunteer efforts.

She was active in Republican politics for half a century, serving on the party's state and county central committees, as a delegate to two national GOP conventions, and working on numerous campaigns for GOP candidates.

Ms. Salazar is preceded in death by her husband, Robert Salazar and son Bobby, and is survived by her son Chuck Salazar, her daughter Lisa Lujan, her sisters Stella Alires, Dolores Salazar, Cecelia Cortez, and Lenore Armitage, and her brother Fernando (Sonny) Martinez.

Governor Richardson ordered all flags be flown at half-staff from Friday, October 13, 2006, until sundown on Saturday, October 14, 2006, in honor and mourning of Lucy M. Salazar.

**EXECUTIVE ORDER 2006-062**

**FLAGS FLOWN AT HALF STAFF IN HONOR OF  
LUCY M. SALAZAR**

**WHEREAS**, Lucy M. Salazar, a resident of Albuquerque and a prominent figure in New Mexican politics, passed away on Sunday, October 8, 2006;

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Salazar was born and raised in Taos, New Mexico;

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Salazar was a longtime aide to former U.S. Representative Manuel Lujan, Jr., during his time in Congress as well as during his subsequent tenure as Secretary of the Interior under President George H.W. Bush;

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Salazar was active in Republican politics for half a century, serving on the party's state and county central committees, as a delegate to two national GOP conventions, and working on numerous campaigns for GOP candidates. She also served as a member of the National Federation of Republican Women for 20 years and was a member of Metro FRW;

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Salazar also served as a former chair of the New Mexico Judicial Standards Commission and the National Judicial Conduct Organization;

**WHEREAS**, in addition to her extensive governmental service, Ms. Salazar also was devoted to volunteerism. She was a long-standing board member for Very Special Arts, which promotes art for individuals with disabilities. She also volunteered with the EVENSTART program – a family literacy program. She served on many other boards, was honored in 1995 as Volunteer of the Year, and was recognized by President George W. Bush in 2002 for her volunteer efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Salazar is preceded in death by her husband, Robert Salazar and son Bobby, and is survived by her son Chuck Salazar, her daughter Lisa Lujan, her sisters Stella Alires, Dolores Salazar, Cecelia Cortez, and Lenore Armitage, and her brother Fernando (Sonny) Martinez.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, 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 Friday, October 13, 2006, until sundown on Saturday, October 14, 2006, in honor and mourning of Lucy M. Salazar. The thoughts and prayers of the people of New Mexico go out to her family as well as a heartfelt thank you for her service to New Mexico.

**ATTEST:**

**DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE THIS  
12<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2006**

**REBECCA VIGIL-GIRON  
SECRETARY OF STATE**

**WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT SEAL  
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO**

**BILL RICHARDSON  
GOVERNOR**