



State of New Mexico

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Governor Richardson Orders Flags to Fly at Half Staff in Honor of the Honorable Silvia Cano-Garcia

SANTA FE – Governor Bill Richardson today ordered flags to fly at half-staff in honor of the Honorable Silvia Cano-Garcia, 44, who passed away on Monday, September 4, 2006, after a hard fought battle with cancer.

Judge Cano-Garcia was sworn in as a district judge in January 2003 after being appointed by then Governor Johnson. Governor Johnson had appointed her less than two years earlier to a judgeship on the Dona Ana County Magistrate Court.

Judge Cano-Garcia is survived by her husband Reynaldo Garcia and their daughter Marisol.

In honor of Judge Cano-Garcia, Governor Richardson signed an Executive Order directing that state flags be flown at half staff from Thursday, September 7, 2006 until sundown on Friday, September 8, 2006.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2006-056

FLAGS FLOWN AT HALF STAFF IN HONOR OF THE HONORABLE SILVIA CANO-GARCIA

WHEREAS, The Honorable Silvia Cano-Garcia, age 44, passed away on Monday, September 4, 2006, after a hard-fought battle with cancer;

WHEREAS, State District Court Judge Cano-Garcia was born and raised in Mesilla, New Mexico;

WHEREAS, Judge Cano-Garcia graduated from Las Cruces High School and went on to earn a Bachelor's degree from New Mexico State University in 1982 and a law degree from American University in Washington, D.C. in 1987. She was a Fulbright scholar who studied international relations in Germany from 1982 to 1983. She was also an accomplished pianist;

WHEREAS, Judge Cano-Garcia was sworn in as a district judge in January 2003 after being appointed by then Governor Johnson. The Governor had appointed her less than two years earlier to a judgeship on the Dona Ana County Magistrate Court; and

WHEREAS, Judge Cano-Garcia is survived by her husband Reynaldo Garcia and their daughter Marisol.

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 Thursday, September 7, 2006, until sundown on Friday, September 8, 2006, in honor and mourning of the Honorable Silvia Cano-Garcia. 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
6TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2006**

**REBECCA VIGIL-GIRON
SECRETARY OF STATE**

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

**BILL RICHARDSON
GOVERNOR**

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