



State of New Mexico

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Governor Richardson Lowers Flags to Half Staff in Honor of Army Lt. Colonel Marshall A. Gutierrez

SANTA FE – Governor Bill Richardson today ordered flags to fly at half-staff in honor of Army Lt. Colonel Marshall A. Gutierrez, 41, who passed away on Monday, September 4, 2006, in Camp Virginia, Kuwait.

Lt. Col. Gutierrez was a longtime resident of Las Vegas, New Mexico. He was a 1983 graduate of West Las Vegas High School and a 1989 graduate of New Mexico Highlands University.

Lt. Col. Gutierrez was a career military man, and was assigned to the Area Support Group, Arijan, Kuwait. He had been assigned in the Middle East on various occasions since 1991. He is survived by his mother, Mary E. Gutierrez, his wife, Brenda A. Gutierrez, a son, Nicholas Gutierrez, a daughter, Stephanie Gutierrez, a sister, Sharon Gonzales and a brother, Patrick Gutierrez.

In honor of Lt. Col. Gutierrez's sacrifice, Governor Richardson signed an Executive Order directing that state flags be flown at half-staff from Monday, September 18, 2006, until sundown on Tuesday, September 19, 2006.

The text of the executive order follows:

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2006-058

FLAGS FLOWN AT HALF STAFF IN HONOR AND MOURNING OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL MARSHALL A. GUTIERREZ

WHEREAS, United States Army Lieutenant Colonel Marshall A. Gutierrez, age 41, passed away on Monday, September 4, 2006, in Camp Virginia, Kuwait;

WHEREAS, Lt. Col. Gutierrez was a longtime resident of Las Vegas, New Mexico. He was a 1983 graduate of West Las Vegas High School and a 1989 graduate of New Mexico Highlands University;

WHEREAS, Lt. Col. Gutierrez, a career military man, was assigned to the Area Support Group, Arijan, Kuwait. He had been assigned in the Middle East on various occasions since 1991;

WHEREAS, Lt. Col. Gutierrez is survived by his mother, Mary E. Gutierrez, his wife, Brenda A. Gutierrez, a son, Nicholas Gutierrez, a daughter, Stephanie Gutierrez, a sister, Sharon Gonzales and a brother, Patrick Gutierrez; and

WHEREAS, Lt. Col. Gutierrez's patriotism, bravery 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 Monday, September 18, 2006, until sundown on Tuesday, September 19, 2006, in honor and mourning of Lt. Col. Marshall Gutierrez. 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.

ATTEST:

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE THIS
15TH 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 OF NEW MEXICO

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