



State of New Mexico

Office of the Governor

Bill Richardson
Governor

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Governor Richardson Lowers Flags to Half Staff in Honor of USAF Technical Sergeant Scott E. Duffman

SANTA FE – Governor Bill Richardson today ordered flags to fly at half-staff in honor of United States Air Force Technical Sergeant Scott E. Duffman, 32, who lost his life in eastern Afghanistan in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, on Sunday, February 18, 2007.

Technical Sergeant Duffman, was born in the Philippines. He grew up in a military family and lived in Albuquerque from 1984 to 1992, while his mother was stationed at Kirtland Air Force Base. Tech. Sgt. Duffman was a varsity wrestler and a 1992 graduate of La Cueva High School. He joined the Air Force after high school.

Tech. Sgt. Duffman was assigned to the 24th Special Tactics Squadron based at Pope Air Force Base in North Carolina and had fought in Afghanistan and Iraq previously. Tech. Sgt. Duffman is survived by his mother Rose Duffman, stepfather Larry Austin, wife Mary Duffman and daughter Sophia.

In honor of Tech. Sgt. Duffman's sacrifice, Governor Richardson signed an Executive Order directing that state flags be flown at half-staff from today Thursday, Feb. 22, 2007, until sundown on Friday, Feb. 23, 2007.

The text of the Executive Order follows:

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2007-007

**FLAGS FLOWN AT HALF STAFF IN HONOR AND MOURNING
OF TECHNICAL SERGEANT SCOTT E. DUFFMAN**

WHEREAS, United States Air Force Technical Sergeant Scott E. Duffman, age 32, tragically lost his life while serving his country in eastern Afghanistan in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, on Sunday, February 18, 2007;

WHEREAS, Tech. Sgt. Duffman was born in the Philippines. He grew up in a military family and lived in Albuquerque from 1984 to 1992, while his mother was stationed at Kirtland Air Force Base. Tech. Sgt. Duffman was a varsity wrestler and a 1992 graduate of La Cueva High School. He joined the Air Force after high school;

WHEREAS, Tech. Sgt. Duffman was assigned to the 24th Special Tactics Squadron based at Pope Air Force Base in North Carolina and had fought in Afghanistan and Iraq previously;

WHEREAS, Tech. Sgt. Duffman is survived by his mother Rose Duffman, stepfather Larry Austin, wife Mary Duffman and daughter Sophia; and

WHEREAS, Tech. Sgt. Duffman'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 Thursday, February 22, 2007, until sundown on Friday, February 23, 2007, in honor and mourning of United States Air Force Technical Sergeant Scott E. Duffman. 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:
THIS

MARY HERRERA
SEAL
SECRETARY OF STATE

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE

22ND DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2007

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

BILL RICHARDSON
GOVERNOR OF NEW MEXICO

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