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## **Governor Richardson Lowers Flags to Honor Army Staff Sgt. Kevin Casey Roberts**

SANTA FE - Governor Bill Richardson lowered flags in honor of Army Staff Sergeant Kevin "Casey" Roberts, 25, who was killed in the line of duty on May 7, 2008 while serving his country in Afghanistan.

Staff Sgt. Kevin Roberts grew up Farmington, NM and graduated from Farmington High School in 2000. Roberts worked for the La Plata Volunteer Fire Department, until he joined the Army following September 11, 2001.

Staff Sgt. Roberts was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, which is on the Kentucky-Tennessee border. He held a number of medals including: Combat Infantry Badge, Expert Infantry Badge, the Army Achievement Medal, the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

Roberts is survived by his wife, Donnice Roberts; his two children, Caehlen and Keeghan; his parents, Milton and Gerri Roberts of Farmington, NM; and his brothers, Army Specialist Curby Roberts of Texas and Jerry Roberts also of Farmington.

In honor of Army Staff Sergeant Kevin Roberts, Governor Richardson signed an Executive Order directing that flags be flown at half-staff from Monday, May 19, 2008 to Tuesday, May 20, 2008.

Full text of the executive order follows:

### **EXECUTIVE ORDER 2008-022**

#### **FLAGS FLOWN AT HALF STAFF IN HONOR AND MOURNING OF STAFF SERGEANT KEVIN C. ROBERTS**

**WHEREAS**, United States Army Staff Sergeant Kevin Roberts, age 25, tragically lost his life while serving in Afghanistan, on Wednesday, May 7, 2008;

**WHEREAS**, Staff Sergeant Roberts was born and raised in Farmington and graduated from Farmington High School in 2000. Staff Sergeant Roberts was assigned to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 506<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade Combat Team, 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Roberts' father had served with the same unit four decades earlier. His older brother, Curby, is a Staff Sergeant with the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas;

**WHEREAS**, Staff Sergeant Roberts is survived by his parents Milton and Gerri Roberts, wife Donnice Roberts, son Keeghan, daughter Caehlen, and his brothers Kirby Roberts and Jerry Roberts; and

**WHEREAS**, Staff Sergeant Roberts' patriotism, bravery, and dedication to the nation 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, May 19, 2008, until sundown on Tuesday, May 20, 2008, in honor and mourning of United States Army Staff Sergeant Kevin C. Roberts. 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:**

**OFFICE THIS**

**MARY HERRERA  
GREAT SEAL  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
MEXICO**

**DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE**

**14<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2008**

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

**BILL RICHARDSON  
GOVERNOR OF NEW MEXICO**

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