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## **Governor Bill Richardson Lowers Flags in Honor of Patricia Jennings, wife of State Senator Tim Jennings**

SANTA FE – Governor Bill Richardson today announced he will lower flags in honor of Patricia K. Jennings, 53, who passed away on Saturday. Mrs. Jennings, the wife of Senate President Pro Tem Timothy Jennings of Roswell, had been battling breast cancer for a number of years. She was Executive Director of the New Mexico Medical Insurance Pool.

“Patty was well known and respected and she worked hard to get those without health insurance -- covered. On behalf of the First Lady and myself, our sympathies are with Senator Jennings and his family,” said Governor Richardson

Mrs. Jennings is survived by her husband, State Senator Timothy Jennings; her two daughters, Courtney and Katherine Ikard; three sons, Elliott Ikard, Zeph and Zachary Jennings; as well as her mother, Marilyn Burcham and her husband, Neil Burcham; and her father, Doug Berryman and his wife Margaret Berryman; her brothers Dan and Joel Berryman; and her sisters Fredda Blair and Shelley Petersen.

In memory of Patricia K. Jennings, Governor Richardson signed an Executive Order directing that flags be flown at half-staff from Tuesday, February 17, 2009 through sundown on Wednesday, February 18, 2009.

Full text of the Executive Order follows:

### **EXECUTIVE ORDER 2009-005**

#### **FLAGS FLOWN AT HALF STAFF IN HONOR AND MOURNING OF PATRICIA K. JENNINGS**

**WHEREAS**, Patricia K. Jennings passed away at the age of 53, on Saturday, February 14, 2009, in Roswell, New Mexico;

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Jennings, the wife of Senate President Pro Tem Timothy Jennings of Roswell, had a distinguished career as an advocate for children and families with special needs. Mrs.

Jennings worked tirelessly to increase access to health care in New Mexico and bolster funding for breast cancer research;

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Jennings is survived by her husband, Timothy Jennings, her children Courtney Ikard, Elliott Ikard, Katherine Ikard, Zeph Jennings and Zachary Jennings, her mother Marilyn Burcham, her father Doug Berryman, her sisters Fredda Blair and Shelley Petersen, and her brothers Doug Berryman, Dan Berryman and Joel Berryman; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Jennings will always be remembered for her service and dedication to the people of New Mexico.

**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 Tuesday, February 17, 2009, until sundown Wednesday, February 18, 2009, in honor and mourning of Patricia K. Jennings. The thoughts and prayers of the people of New Mexico go out to her family as well as a heartfelt thank you for her years of dedication and service.

**ATTEST:**

**DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE THIS  
16<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2009**

**MARY HERRERA  
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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