



# State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham  
*Governor*

## **EXECUTIVE ORDER 2019-025**

### **ORDERING FLAGS TO HALF-STAFF TO COMMEMORATE THE VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF RECENT MASS SHOOTINGS IN EL PASO, TEXAS AND DAYTON, OHIO**

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Order is to commemorate the victims of two recent mass shootings, to express support for the survivors and family members of victims and survivors, and to bring awareness to the fact that such senseless acts of violence are far too common in our communities and constitute a crisis that we must end;

WHEREAS, twenty people were killed and dozens more were wounded when a shooter opened fire at a shopping center in El Paso, Texas, on August 3, 2019 (“El Paso shooting”);

WHEREAS, less than a day later, nine people were killed and dozens more were wounded when a shooter opened fire on a busy street in Dayton, Ohio, in the early morning hours on August 4, 2019 (“Dayton shooting”);

WHEREAS, the State of New Mexico stands with the victims of these horrifying acts of violence and their family members, and salutes the bravery of the law enforcement officers who swiftly responded to these tragedies and prevented further loss of life; and

WHEREAS, it is important to publicly honor and mourn the individuals who were killed in the El Paso and Dayton shootings, to express support for the surviving victims and family members of victims, and to acknowledge and remember the untenable public health crisis of gun violence in this country.

THEREFORE, I, Michelle Lujan Grisham, 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, hereby ORDER and DIRECT that all state flags be flown at half-staff effective immediately through sundown on August 7, 2019. This action will commemorate those who were killed or wounded in the El Paso shooting and the Dayton shooting and will serve to remind us that we must do more to prevent such tragedies in the future.

ATTEST:

*Maggie Toulouse Oliver*

MAGGIE TOULOUSE OLIVER  
SECRETARY OF STATE

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
THIS 5TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2019

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

*Michelle Lujan Grisham*

MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM  
GOVERNOR

