



# State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham  
*Governor*

## EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-002

### ORDERING FLAGS TO HALF-STAFF IN HONOR OF THE MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR SERGEANT FIRST CLASS ANTONIO REY RODRIGUEZ

WHEREAS, on February 8, 2020, Sergeant First Class (SFC) Antonio Rey Rodriguez, who was a native of Las Cruces, New Mexico, died serving his country in Afghanistan at the age of 28.

WHEREAS, during his service in the United States Army, SFC Rodriguez earned a Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, a Joint Service Commendation Medal, and an Expert and Combat Infantryman Badge; and he posthumously earned a Purple Heart, a Combat Action Badge, a Bronze Star, and a Meritorious Service Medal.

WHEREAS, the State of New Mexico and the United States of America owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to SFC Rodriguez and to those who loved him.

WHEREAS, SFC Rodriguez will soon be memorialized in Las Cruces—on February 20, 2020, a Rosary will be held and on February 21, 2020, a Funeral Mass will take place—after which he will be interred in Arlington National Cemetery on March 3, 2020.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate and proper to publicly acknowledge SFC Rodriguez's life of heroism and service to our State through a public period of mourning across New Mexico.

THEREFORE, I, Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor of the State of New Mexico, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of New Mexico, and the

special provision of the United States Flag Code pertaining to members of the Armed Forces who have died in the line of duty, 4 U.S.C. § 7(m), do hereby ORDER and DIRECT that all state flags and the flag of the United States of America be flown at half-staff from sundown of February 20, 2020, through sundown of February 21, 2020. This action will formally commemorate the Funeral Mass of SFC Rodriguez, to honor his life of service, and to mourn his loss.

ATTEST:

*Maggie Toulouse Oliver*  
MAGGIE TOULOUSE OLIVER  
SECRETARY OF STATE

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
THIS 19TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2020

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

*Michelle Lujan Grisham*  
MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM  
GOVERNOR

