



# State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham  
*Governor*

## EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-003

### ORDERING FLAGS TO HALF-STAFF IN HONOR OF THE FUNERAL SERVICE FOR SPECIALIST WALTER LEWARK

WHEREAS, on February 13, 2020, Specialist (SPC) Walter Lewark from Mountainair, New Mexico, died serving his country in Djibouti at the age of 26.

WHEREAS, SPC Lewark honorably served his State and his Country in the New Mexico Army National Guard; during his service he earned the Army Service Medal and a National Defense Service Medal.

WHEREAS, SPC Lewark was also dedicated to serving his local community as a police officer in Mountainair and as a volunteer firefighter in Torrance County.

WHEREAS, the State of New Mexico and the United States of America owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to SPC Lewark and to those who love him.

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2020, SPC Lewark will be memorialized with a funeral service in Moriarty, New Mexico, and he will later be interred at the Santa Fe National Cemetery.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate and proper to publicly acknowledge SPC Lewark's life of service to our State and our Nation 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 March 1, 2020, through sundown of March 2, 2020. This action will serve to commemorate SPC Lewark's funeral service, 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 28TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2020

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

*Michelle Lujan Grisham*  
MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM  
GOVERNOR

