



# State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham  
*Governor*

## **EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-038**

### **ORDERING FLAGS TO HALF-STAFF TO COMMEMORATE THE MEMORIAL TO GEORGE FLOYD AND TO RECOGNIZE THE PERSISTENCE OF RACISM AND RACIAL INJUSTICE IN THIS COUNTRY**

This Order commemorates the various memorial services to George Floyd that will begin today in Minnesota and take place over the next several days. This Order is also intended to acknowledge and draw awareness to the persistence of racism and racial injustice in the United States and the importance of addressing it now.

On May 25, 2020, Mr. Floyd, a forty-six-year-old black man in Minneapolis, Minnesota, was killed after a police officer pressed his knee to Mr. Floyd's neck for nearly nine minutes while he was face down on the street in handcuffs and being restrained by multiple officers. Police had initially been called to the scene to investigate a suspected counterfeit \$20 bill spent by Mr. Floyd at a convenience store.

The Hennepin County Medical Examiner's most recent report states that Mr. Floyd experienced a cardiopulmonary arrest while being restrained by the officers and his cause of death was ruled homicide. Multiple officers involved in the incident have now been charged with murder.

The tragic and senseless killing of Mr. Floyd is sobering on its own. However, the circumstances surrounding his death are made even more urgent by the historical context of state-sponsored violence, racism, and systemic injustice that has been directed at people of color for hundreds of years throughout the United States. His death is further proof—although none was

needed—that racism and injustice still persist today and continue to endanger and terrorize people of color.

Following Mr. Floyd’s death, there have been large peaceful public demonstrations, both nationwide and in New Mexico, drawing attention to these pervasive and painful problems. We should acknowledge the concerns of community members, leaders, and activists. Only by listening to them, can we move forward and better address systemic inequality and racism.

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, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT that all state flags be flown at half-staff beginning at sundown on June 4, 2020 and lasting through sundown of June 5, 2020. This action will serve to commemorate Mr. Floyd and to raise awareness about the long-standing, fundamental societal concerns that his death has highlighted.

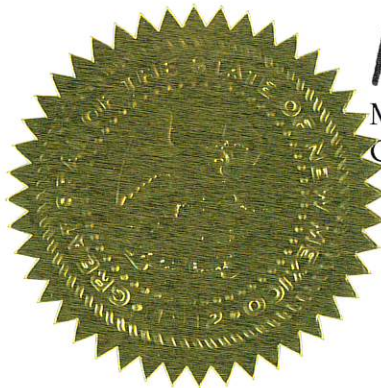
ATTEST:

*Maggie Toulouse Oliver*

MAGGIE TOULOUSE OLIVER  
SECRETARY OF STATE

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
THIS 4TH DAY OF JUNE 2020

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



*Michelle Lujan Grisham*  
MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM  
GOVERNOR