



State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2022-164

ORDERING FLAGS TO HALF-STAFF IN MEMORY OF HIROSHI “HERSHEY” MIYAMURA

On November 29, 2022, Congressional Medal of Honor recipient and native New Mexican Hiroshi “Hershey” Miyamura passed away at the age of 97. Born in Gallup, New Mexico, Hiroshi joined the U.S. Army during World War II in January 1945 as part of the all-Nisei 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Infantry Regiment, which was composed mostly of Japanese Americans. After serving honorably for the remainder of World War II, Miyamura was again asked to serve his country during the Korean War. On April 24, 1951, while occupying a defensive position that was on the verge of being overrun, then-Cpl. Miyamura bravely engaged in intense hand-to-hand combat to fight off the assault so he could administer first aid and direct the evacuation of his squad members. When another assault came, he ordered his squad to evacuate while he stayed behind fighting off the advancing soldiers until he was severely wounded and captured. He remained a prisoner of war for over two years. Upon return to the U.S. after his release from capture, Miyamura worked for the U.S. Post Office in Gallup. On October 27, 1953, President Dwight D. Eisenhower presented Miyamura with the Medal of Honor for his bravery. Our country and the State of New Mexico owe Miyamura an immense debt of gratitude, and his bravery and public dedication will not be forgotten.

NOW 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 New Mexico and United States flags be flown at half-staff beginning December 8, 2022, and lasting through sundown of December 10, 2022. This action will serve to commemorate the life of Hiroshi “Hershey” Miyamura, and to mourn his loss.

ATTEST:

Maggie Toulouse Oliver

MAGGIE TOULOUSE OLIVER
SECRETARY OF STATE

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
THIS 1ST DAY OF DECEMBER 2022

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

Michelle Lujan Grisham
MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM
GOVERNOR

