

State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2023-038

ORDERING FLAGS TO HALF-STAFF IN MEMORIAL OF PRESIDENT PETERSON ZAH

On March 7, 2023, President Peterson Zah passed away at the age of 85. President Zah's remarkable life and long career were dedicated to service of others and correcting wrongdoings against Native Americans. He will be remembered for his passion, his humility, and his selflessness. He will also be remembered as the Navajo Nation's first president, having been inaugurated in January 1991. President Zah was an inspirational and compassionate man, leading with humility and instilling hope in his communities. President Zah's legacy will endure, and the effects of his life's work felt by many generations to come. It is appropriate and proper to acknowledge President Zah's life and service 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, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT that all state flags be flown at half-staff beginning March 14, 2023, and lasting though sundown of March 15, 2023. This action will serve to commemorate President Zah's distinguished life and to mourn his loss.

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE



DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE THIS 13TH DAY OF MARCH 2023

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

GOVERNOR