



# State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham  
*Governor*

## **EXECUTIVE ORDER 2023-039**

### **ORDERING FLAGS TO HALF-STAFF IN MEMORIAL OF PRESIDENT BEN SHELLY**

On March 22, 2023, former Navajo Nation President Ben Shelly passed away at the age of 75. President Shelly served his government for decades, including on the Navajo Nation Council for sixteen years and as vice president before becoming the seventh president of the Navajo Nation, taking office in January 2011. Being from Thoreau, President Shelly was the first New Mexican Navajo Nation president. He remained active in Navajo leadership until his passing. President Shelly's leadership will be remembered as bold, fearless, and forthright. He will be remembered as a devoted public servant with a great sense of humor and having true love for his people and family. It is appropriate and proper to acknowledge President Shelly's life and legacy through a public period of mourning across New Mexico.

**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 state flags be flown at half-staff beginning March 27, 2023, and lasting through sundown of March 28, 2023. This action will serve to commemorate President Shelly's distinguished life and to mourn his loss.

ATTEST:

*Maggie Toulouse Oliver*

MAGGIE TOULOUSE OLIVER  
SECRETARY OF STATE

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
THIS 24TH DAY OF MARCH 2023

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

*Michelle Lujan Grisham*  
MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM  
GOVERNOR

