



# State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham  
*Governor*

## **EXECUTIVE ORDER 2023-129**

### **ORDERING FLAGS TO HALF-STAFF IN MEMORIAL OF GOVERNOR BILL RICHARDSON**

Former Governor Bill Richardson passed away on September 1, 2023, at age 75. Governor Richardson lived his entire life in the service of others. Prior to his governorship, Richardson served as a representative in the United States House of Representatives from 1983 to 1997, as United States Ambassador to the United Nations 1997 to 1998, and Secretary of the United States Department of Energy under President Bill Clinton from 1998 to 2001, during which time he demonstrated exceptional diplomatic prowess and secured the release of Americans held by foreign governments such as Cuba, Russian, and North Korea. Richardson returned to New Mexico and served as governor from 2002 to 2008. As governor, Richardson was a true leader, signing important legislation repealing the death penalty, legalizing medical cannabis, raising teacher salaries and the state minimum wage, and implementing renewable energy requirements. Governor Richardson was also instrumental in establishing New Mexico as a leader in the space and movie industry. After leaving office, Governor Richardson launched the Richardson Center for Global Engagement, a non-profit promoting international peace, and continued to work tirelessly to free Americans detained or held hostage abroad. It is appropriate and proper to acknowledge Governor Richardson'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 United States and State flags be flown at half-staff beginning September 7, 2023, and lasting through sundown of September 14, 2023. This action will serve to commemorate Governor Richardson's distinguished life and to mourn his loss.

ATTEST:



MAGGIE TOULOUSE OLIVER  
SECRETARY OF STATE

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
THIS 5TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2023

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



MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM  
GOVERNOR

