



# State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham  
*Governor*

## EXECUTIVE ORDER 2023-137

### ORDERING FLAGS TO HALF-STAFF IN MEMORIAL OF ISRAELI VICTIMS OF TERRORIST ATTACKS

On October 7, 2023, Hamas terrorists undertook a coordinated and unprovoked series of horrific attacks on Israel as Israelis were celebrating Shabbat and the Jewish holiday of Simchat Torah. The terrorists targeted civilians with thousands of rockets launched from the Gaza Strip and with incursions into Israel by heavily armed militants. The latest reports indicate that at least 1,200 innocent Israelis were killed, including women and children, with thousands more injured, and over one hundred kidnapped as hostages. Sadly, it is expected the numbers of casualties will rise in the coming days as more information is gathered and the violence continues. The State of New Mexico stands with the people of Israel in this dark hour and unequivocally condemns Hamas' brutal attacks. The lowering of flags to half-staff is a solemn and meaningful gesture of support and mourning, symbolizing the unity of the people of New Mexico in their shared sorrow and compassion for the victims of this senseless violence.

**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 October 13, 2023, and lasting through sundown of October 16, 2023. This action will serve to show support for the people of Israel and mourn those who have been lost.

ATTEST:

*Maggie Toulouse Oliver*

MAGGIE TOULOUSE OLIVER  
SECRETARY OF STATE

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
THIS 12TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2023

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

*Michelle Lujan Grisham*

MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM  
GOVERNOR

