

# FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE July 19, 2023

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### Governor orders flags to half-staff in mourning of Officer Anthony Ferguson

SANTA FE - Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham on Wednesday ordered all flags in the state of New Mexico to half-staff from July 20 to July 24 in mourning for Alamogordo Police Officer Anthony Ferguson, who was shot in the line of duty and died on July 16, 2023.

Officer Ferguson served in the Alamogordo Police Department for 11 years. While in the patrol division, he stepped into a leadership role as a field training officer guiding new officers at the beginning of their careers.

"I have ordered flags at half-staff to honor Officer Ferguson's life, the sacrifice he gave for our safety, his family and the Alamogordo Police Department as we all mourn this tragic loss," said **Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham**.

All flags in the state will remain at half-staff until sundown Monday, July 24.



#### State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham Governor

#### **EXECUTIVE ORDER 2023-116**

## ORDERING FLAGS TO HALF-STAFF IN MEMORIAL OF OFFICER ANTHONY FERGUSON

On July 16, 2023, Officer Anthony Ferguson passed away from injuries he sustained in the line of duty. Office Ferguson served the State and his community as an Alamogordo Police Department officer for over eleven years. Officer Ferguson's bravery and service will endure. He will be remembered as a loving son, brother, and dedicated father to his two children. Officer Ferguson will be greatly missed by his community. It is appropriate and proper to acknowledge Officer Ferguson's life and service 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 New Mexico and United States flags be flown at half-staff beginning July 20, 2023, and lasting through sundown of July 24, 2023. This action will serve to commemorate Officer Ferguson's life and to mourn his loss.

ATTEST:

MAGGIE TOULOUSE OLIVER

SECRETARY OF STATE

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE THIS 19TH DAY OF JULY 2023

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

MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

GOVERNOR

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