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Governor orders flags to half-staff in mourning for lives lost in Israel

SANTA FE - Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham ordered all flags in the state of New Mexico to half-staff from October 13 to October 16 in mourning for the people killed in the attack on Israel.

“Today, New Mexico is lowering our flags in memory of the lives lost in the terrorist attack by Hamas on Israel,” said **Gov. Lujan Grisham**. “We are all horrified by the vicious murders and kidnappings of the innocent, women, men, children and senior citizens in Israel. While we mourn the victims, may their memories live on in the hearts and minds of their loved ones.

“New Mexico stands 100% with the nation of Israel, and the right of Israel to defend itself. We must always stand together against terrorism.”

All flags in the state will remain at half-staff until sundown on October 16.

The Executive Order is attached to this release.

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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

