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Gov. Lujan Grisham orders flags to half-staff

SANTA FE – Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham on Tuesday ordered all flags in the state of New Mexico to half-staff beginning May 15, 2024, and lasting through sundown of May 16, 2024, in mourning for President Edward Velarde of the Jicarilla Apache Nation.

“President Velarde was a committed and effective leader who sought to strengthen state-tribal relations. He will be remembered for his tireless advocacy, leadership, and commitment to his tribal community and the state of New Mexico. President Velarde's legacy will endure, and the effects of his life's work felt by many generations to come. It is appropriate and proper to acknowledge President Velarde's life and service through a public period of mourning across New Mexico,” said **Gov. Lujan Grisham**.

President Velarde passed away on May 12 at the age of 76. He served as the Jicarilla Apache Nation president since 2019.

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State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2024-015

ORDERING FLAGS TO HALF-STAFF IN MEMORIAL OF PRESIDENT EDWARD VELARDE

On May 12, 2024, President Edward Velarde of the Jicarilla Apache Nation passed away at the age of 76. He served as the Jicarilla Apache Nation president since 2019. President Velarde was a committed and effective leader who sought to strengthen state-tribal relations. He will be remembered for his tireless advocacy, leadership, and commitment to his tribal community and the state of New Mexico. President Velarde's legacy will endure, and the effects of his life's work felt by many generations to come. It is appropriate and proper to acknowledge President Velarde'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 state flags be flown at half-staff beginning May 15, 2024, and lasting through sundown of May 16, 2024. This action will serve to commemorate Jicarilla Apache Nation President Edward Velarde's distinguished life and to mourn his loss.

ATTEST:

Handwritten signature of Maggie Toulouse Oliver in black ink.

MAGGIE TOULOUSE OLIVER
SECRETARY OF STATE

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
THIS 14TH DAY OF MAY 2024

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

Handwritten signature of Michelle Lujan Grisham in black ink.
MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM
GOVERNOR