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## **Gov. orders flags lowered for New Mexico Marine killed in helicopter crash**

SANTA FE – Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham on Monday ordered state flags lowered to half-staff in mourning for Lance Cpl. Evan Strickland of Valencia County, who was killed in a helicopter crash while conducting a training exercise at Camp Pendleton on June 8.

“I am heartbroken by the tragic death of five brave Marines, including Lance Cpl. Evan Strickland, a son of New Mexico and a graduate of Valencia High School,” said **Gov. Lujan Grisham**. “Lance Cpl. Strickland had his whole life in front of him when he made the selfless choice to serve his fellow New Mexicans and his country in the United States Marines. My prayers are with his family, his loved ones, and his fellow Marines as they grieve this terrible loss.”

Flags are ordered to half-staff beginning today, June 13, through sundown Thursday, June 16. A copy of the executive order is attached.

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# State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham  
Governor

## EXECUTIVE ORDER 2022-096

### ORDERING FLAGS TO HALF-STAFF IN MEMORIAL OF LANCE CORPORAL EVAN STRICKLAND

Lance Corporal Evan Strickland, of Valencia County, tragically passed away in an Osprey aircraft crash during training with the U.S. Marines on Wednesday, June 8, 2022. Lance Corporal Strickland honorably served his State and his Nation as a U.S. Marine. Lance Corporal Strickland's bravery and service will endure, and he will be greatly missed by his community. It is appropriate and proper to acknowledge Lance Corporal Strickland's life and service through a public period of mourning across New Mexico.

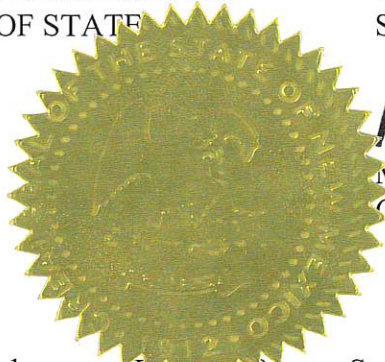
**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor of the State of New Mexico, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of New Mexico, do hereby **ORDER** and **DIRECT** that all state flags be flown at half-staff beginning June 14, 2022, and lasting through sundown of June 16, 2022. This action will serve to commemorate Lance Corporal Strickland's life and to mourn his loss.

WITNESSED:  
*Maggie Toulouse Oliver*

MAGGIE TOULOUSE OLIVER  
SECRETARY OF STATE

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
THIS 13TH DAY OF JUNE 2022

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



*Michelle Lujan Grisham*  
MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM  
GOVERNOR