



# State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham  
*Governor*

## **EXECUTIVE ORDER 2024-154**

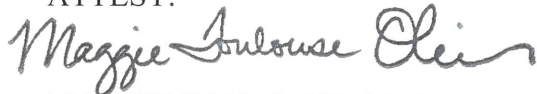
### **ORDERING FLAGS TO HALF-STAFF IN MEMORIAL OF SENATOR JOHN ARTHUR SMITH**

Former state senator John Arthur Smith passed away on October 7, 2024. Senator Smith served in the New Mexico Senate from 1989 to 2020, representing the residents of District 35—spanning Dona Ana, Hidalgo, Luna and Sierra Counties. Senator Smith went on to become a leading finance expert and longtime chairman of the New Mexico Senate Finance Committee, in which role he garnered universal respect from his colleagues from across the political spectrum and ensured state funds were spent wisely. Among many accomplishments, Senator Smith championed important state investments in his hometown of Deming’s hospital and schools. Smith also played a key role in the passage of the Early Childhood Education Care and Education Department trust fund and was the single most important leader in 2019 to set the stage, not only in New Mexico but across the country, for universal free high-quality childcare. It is appropriate and proper to acknowledge Senator Smith’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 United States and State flags be flown at half-staff

beginning October 18, 2024, and lasting through sundown of October 21, 2024. This action will serve to commemorate Senator Smith's life and to mourn his loss.

ATTEST:



MAGGIE TOULOUSE OLIVER  
SECRETARY OF STATE



DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
THIS 16TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2024

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



MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM  
GOVERNOR