



Executive Order 2012-06

ORDERING FLAGS TO HALF STAFF

WHEREAS, former state Senator William J. Raggio died on Thursday, February 23, 2012 at the age of 85;

WHEREAS, Senator Raggio, the son of William J. Raggio, Sr. and Clara Cardelli, grew up in a neighborhood just southeast of the University of Nevada, Reno campus and attended Orvis Ring Elementary School, Northside Junior High School and Reno High School;

WHEREAS, a native Nevadan, Raggio went on to attend Louisiana Tech, the University of Oklahoma and the University of Nevada, Reno, where he was awarded a bachelor of arts degree before attending the University of California, Hastings College of Law, earning his juris doctorate, and the University of California, Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law where he pursued a master's degree in law;

WHEREAS, Senator Raggio served in the United States Navy Reserve and became a Second Lieutenant of the United States Marine Corps Reserve before starting his legal career as an Assistant District Attorney of Washoe County, eventually becoming D.A. of the County;

WHEREAS, Senator Raggio was elected to the Legislature in 1972 and he became the longest-serving state Senator in Nevada history, serving as a father figure in the Legislature for almost four decades;

WHEREAS, Senator Raggio championed the cause of education, particularly higher education, throughout his life and was a key figure in the passage of legislation requiring high school seniors to pass math, reading and other proficiency tests before they could receive a full-fledged diploma;

WHEREAS, Senator Raggio's dedication to law and order and the fiscal health of this great state spanned literally decades of Nevada history and touched the lives of tens of thousands of Nevadans;

WHEREAS, the Nevada family has lost a great patriarch and the state has lost a great friend; and

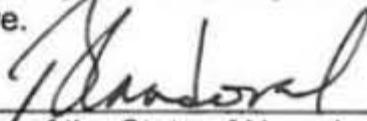
WHEREAS, Article 5, Section 1 of the Nevada Constitution provides that, "The Supreme Executive Power of this State shall be vested in a Chief Magistrate who shall be Governor of the State of Nevada."

NOW, THEREFORE, by the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and laws of the State of Nevada, it is hereby ordered as follows:

The flags of the United States and the State of Nevada shall be flown at half-staff at the State Capitol and all State public buildings and grounds on Monday, March 5, 2012 until sunset.

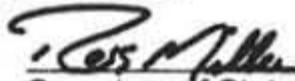


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed at the State Capitol in Carson City, this 29th day of February, in the year two thousand twelve.

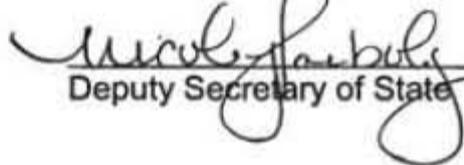


Governor of the State of Nevada

By the Governor:



Secretary of State



Deputy Secretary of State