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Human Services Department to Hold a Flag Raising Ceremony Tomorrow Morning

U.S. and State Flags to Fly 24/7 in Southeast Albuquerque

Santa Fe, New Mexico, June 13, 2007 – The New Mexico Human Services Department’s Food and Nutrition Services (FANS) Bureau will soon proudly fly Old Glory and the New Mexico state flags outside of its facility. The ceremonial flag-raising will take place on Flag Day (Thursday, June 14), at the FANS warehouse, located at 1425 William SE in Albuquerque beginning at 9:30 a.m.

The food distribution programs administered by the FANS Bureau are among the oldest in the department, dating back to the Great Depression. Also, New Mexico is one of the few states that continues to administer the distribution of USDA surplus foods, free of charge, to participating agencies; most other states contract out for distribution services. It does this from a 311,000 square foot warehouse facility and its own fleet of tracker-trailers. Each year, over ten million pounds of food are delivered to every corner of the state for the School Lunch, Summer Food and emergency food assistance programs.

The new pole and ground light will allow the national and state flag to remain raised day and night. “Soon our truck drivers, who depart and return day and night, will have the opportunity to salute Old Glory and the State Flag as they carry out their important food delivery trips,” said Mary Oleske, FANS Bureau Chief.

The flag raising ceremony will take place from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 14. See agenda below. Following the ceremony visitors will be able to tour the immense warehouse where millions of pounds of packaged and refrigerated food are stored prior to shipment.

NM Human Services Department, Food and Nutrition Services Bureau
Flag Raising Ceremony Sequence of Events
(9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Thursday, June 14, 2007)

<u>Event</u>	<u>Participant(s)</u>
Welcome	Mary Oleske, FANS Bureau Chief
Remarks	Fred Sandoval, Director of HSD’s Income Support Division
Remarks	Christine McKinley, Women Veterans of New Mexico, Mary Trevithick, VFW and ROTC, Linda Jewel and Minnie Rose, Blue Star Mothers
Raising of the Flag	
Pledge of Allegiance	
In English	All
In Spanish	Led by eight-year-old Maggie Ogborn
Ending/Refreshments	All
Food Warehouse Tour	All

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