

1 ***IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW MEXICO***

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3 ***JUROR APPRECIATION WEEK RECOGNITION***

4 ***May 4 – May 8, 2026***

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6 *WHEREAS, the right to a trial by jury is one of the core values of American*
7 *citizenship;*

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9 *WHEREAS, the obligation and privilege to serve as a juror are as*
10 *fundamental to our democracy as the right to vote;*

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12 *WHEREAS, our courts depend upon citizens to serve as jurors;*

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14 *WHEREAS, service by citizens as jurors is indispensable to the judicial*
15 *system;*

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17 *WHEREAS, all citizens are encouraged to respond when summoned for jury*
18 *service;*

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20 *WHEREAS, a continuing and imperative goal for the courts, the bar, and the*
21 *broader community is to ensure that jury selection and jury service are fair,*
22 *effective, and not unduly burdensome on anyone; and*

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24 *WHEREAS, one of the most significant actions a court system can take is to*
25 *show appreciation for the jury system and for the tens of thousands of citizens who*
26 *annually give their time and talents to serve on juries.*

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28 *BE IT RESOLVED that the New Mexico State Courts are committed to the*
29 *following goals:*

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- 31 • *educating the public about jury duty and the importance of jury service;*
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 - 33 • *applauding the efforts of jurors who fulfill their civic duty;*
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 - 35 • *ensuring that the responsibility of jury service is shared fairly by*
36 *supporting employees who are called upon to serve as jurors;*
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- 1 • *ensuring that the responsibility of jury service is shared fairly among all*
2 *citizens and that a fair cross section of the community is called for jury*
3 *service including this State’s non-English speaking population;*
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5 • *ensuring that all jurors are treated with respect and that their service is*
6 *not unduly burdensome;*
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8 • *providing jurors with tools that will assist their decision making; and*
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10 • *continuing to improve the jury system by encouraging productive dialogue*
11 *between jurors and court officials.*
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13 *NOW, THEREFORE, I, David K. Thomson, Chief Justice of the Supreme*
14 *Court of New Mexico, do hereby recognize the week of May 4 - May 8, 2026, as*
15 *Juror Appreciation Week in New Mexico for 2026, and encourage all state courts in*
16 *New Mexico to support the celebration of this week.*
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18 *DONE in Santa Fe, New Mexico, this 9th day of March, 2026.*
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David K. Thomson, Chief Justice