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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

July 19, 2016

NO. 16-8500

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPROVAL OF
JUROR PAY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017**

ORDER

WHEREAS, this matter came on for consideration by the Court upon request of the Administrative Office of the Courts because of the continuing inadequacy of the Jury and Witness Fund to cover the costs of jury service in the State of New Mexico;

WHEREAS, NMSA 1978, Sections 35-8-7(A) and 38-5-15, state that individuals serving as jurors for the State of New Mexico shall be paid “at the highest prevailing state minimum wage rate” for their service;

WHEREAS, for Fiscal Year 2017, House Bill 2 states, “Notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 35-8-7 and 38-5-15 NMSA 1978, the [S]upreme [C]ourt has the authority to reduce juror pay as needed to stay within the appropriation for the jury and witness fund;”

WHEREAS, the conditions that caused this Court to order a reduction in juror pay for fiscal years 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016 will continue to exist

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for Fiscal Year 2017;

WHEREAS, because of the continued inadequate appropriation to the Jury and Witness Fund to meet all expenses in Fiscal Year 2017, the Administrative Office of the Courts recommends reducing the hourly rate of pay for jurors for Fiscal Year 2017; and

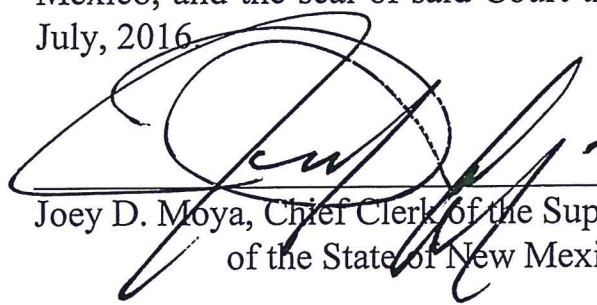
WHEREAS, in light of the foregoing, and the Court having considered the recommendation and being otherwise sufficiently advised, Chief Justice Charles W. Daniels, Justice Petra Jimenez Maes, Justice Edward L. Chávez, Justice Barbara J. Vigil and Justice Judith K. Nakamura concurring;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that for Fiscal Year 2017, commencing on August 1, 2016, the rate of juror pay shall be reduced to six dollars and twenty-five cents (\$6.25) per hour of service, which shall be reviewed and is subject to revision by the Court within six (6) months or less.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

WITNESS, Honorable Charles W. Daniels, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New Mexico, and the seal of said Court this 19th day of July, 2016

(SEAL)



Joey D. Moya, Chief Clerk of the Supreme Court
of the State of New Mexico