

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

2
3 ***JUROR APPRECIATION WEEK RECOGNITION***
4 ***MAY 1 – MAY 7, 2024***
5

6 *WHEREAS, the right to a trial by jury is one of the core values of American*
7 *citizenship;*
8

9 *WHEREAS, the obligation and privilege to serve as a juror are as*
10 *fundamental to our democracy as the right to vote;*
11

12 *WHEREAS, our courts depend upon citizens to serve as jurors;*
13

14 *WHEREAS, service by citizens as jurors is indispensable to the judicial*
15 *system;*
16

17 *WHEREAS, all citizens are encouraged to respond when summoned for jury*
18 *service;*
19

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*
23

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,*
27

28 *BE IT RESOLVED that the New Mexico State Courts are committed to the*
29 *following goals:*
30

- 31 • *educating the public about jury duty and the importance of jury service;*
- 32
- 33 • *applauding the efforts of jurors who fulfill their civic duty;*
- 34
- 35 • *ensuring that the responsibility of jury service is shared fairly by*
36 *supporting employees who are called upon to serve as jurors;*

