

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

2

3 **JUROR APPRECIATION WEEK RECOGNITION**

4 **MAY 5 – MAY 9, 2025**

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 fundamental*
10 *to our democracy as the right to vote;*

11

12 *Whereas, our court depends upon citizens to serve as jurors;*

13

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

15

16 *Whereas, all citizens should be encouraged to respond when summoned for*
17 *jury service;*

18

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

22

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

26

27 *Be it resolved that the New Mexico State Courts are committed to the*
28 *following goals:*

- 29
- 30 • *educating the public about jury duty and the importance of jury service;*
 - 31
 - 32 • *applauding the efforts of jurors who fulfill their civic duty;*
 - 33
 - 34 • *ensuring that the responsibility of jury service is shared fairly by*
35 *supporting employees who are called upon to serve as jurors;*

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10
- 11
- 12
- *ensuring that the responsibility of jury service is shared fairly among citizens and that a fair cross section of the community is called for jury service;*
 - *ensuring that all jurors are treated with respect and that their service is not unduly burdensome;*
 - *providing jurors with tools that will assist their decision making; and,*
 - *continuing to improve the jury system by encouraging productive dialogue between jurors and court officials.*

13 *NOW, THEREFORE, I, David K. Thomson, Chief Justice of the Supreme*
14 *Court of New Mexico, do hereby recognize the week of May 5 - 9, 2025, as Juror*
15 *Appreciation Week in New Mexico and encourage all state courts in New Mexico to*
16 *support the celebration of this week.*

17

18 *DONE in Santa Fe, New Mexico, this 3rd day of March, 2025*

19

20

21

22



David K. Thomson, Chief Justice