

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

2 **March 31, 2023**

3 **NO. 23-8500-010**

4 **IN THE MATTER OF RESCINDING**
5 **ORDER NO. 22-8500-037 AND THE NEW**
6 **MEXICO JUDICIARY’S EMERGENCY**
7 **COURT PROTOCOLS NOS. 1, 2, AND 3**

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9 **ORDER**

10 WHEREAS, March 11, 2023, marked three years since the first confirmed
11 COVID-19 case in New Mexico, initiating the Public Health Emergency still in
12 effect in New Mexico until today, March 31, 2023, when the executive order
13 declaring the emergency will expire;

14 WHEREAS, the New Mexico Supreme Court created the Emergency
15 Response Team (ERT) to develop pandemic protocols and policies, effectively
16 communicate these protocols and policies throughout the Judiciary, and respond to
17 inquiries consistently to ensure the safety of employees and court visitors;

18 WHEREAS, the primary goal of the ERT has been to keep courthouses open
19 while promoting public health and safety;

20 WHEREAS, COVID-19 related hospitalizations and deaths have declined,
21 and based on the latest Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s research,
22 information, education, and training regarding occupational health, the ERT

1 recommends that the Court rescind Order No. 22-8500-037 and the New Mexico
2 Judiciary’s Emergency Court Protocols Nos. 1, 2, and 3; and

3 WHEREAS, in light of the foregoing, and the Court being sufficiently
4 advised, Chief Justice C. Shannon Bacon, Justice Michael E. Vigil, Justice David K.
5 Thomson, Justice Julie J. Vargas, and Justice Briana H. Zamora, concurring;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Order No. 22-8500-037 and the
7 New Mexico Judiciary’s Emergency Court Protocols Nos. 1, 2, and 3 are rescinded
8 in their entirety, **effective today, March 31, 2023.**

9 IT IS SO ORDERED.



10 WITNESS, the Honorable C. Shannon Bacon, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New Mexico, and the seal of said Court this 31st day of March 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elizabeth A. Garcia". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Elizabeth A. Garcia, Chief Clerk of the Supreme Court of the State of New Mexico