



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

2 **March 2, 2026**

3 **NO. S-1-AO-2026-00008**

4 **IN THE MATTER OF AN EXCEPTION**
5 **TO RULE 6-105 NMRA FOR THE**
6 **LIMITED PURPOSE OF THE SAFE**
7 **SURRENDER EVENT AT THE**
8 **MCKINLEY COUNTY MAGISTRATE**
9 **COURT**

10 **ORDER**

11 WHEREAS, a safe surrender event is scheduled for March 27, 2026, and
12 March 28, 2026, at the McKinley County Magistrate Court in Gallup, New
13 Mexico;

14 WHEREAS, this event will allow parties with outstanding warrants from
15 any of several jurisdictions to safely surrender to judicial officials to clear the
16 warrant(s);

17 WHEREAS, Hon. David A. Segura (Santa Fe County Magistrate Court),
18 Hon. Cynthia Sanders (Gallup Magistrate Court), and Hon. Virginia Yazzie
19 (Gallup Magistrate Court) have volunteered to have parties surrendering at this
20 event appear before them to resolve any outstanding warrants;

21 WHEREAS, under Rule 6-105(A) NMRA, “[o]nce a judge is assigned to
22 hear a case[,] that judge shall have sole responsibility for the case and no other

1 judge may take any action on the case except . . . with the approval of the assigned
2 judge and all of the parties”;

3 WHEREAS, it is impracticable for judges to obtain permission from the
4 warrant-issuing judge, consistent with Rule 6-105(A) NMRA, within the time
5 allocated for the event; and

6 WHEREAS, the Court having considered the foregoing and being
7 sufficiently advised, Chief Justice David K. Thomson, Justice Michael E. Vigil,
8 Justice C. Shannon Bacon, Justice Julie J. Vargas, and Justice Briana H. Zamora
9 concurring;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Rule 6-105(A) NMRA shall be
11 suspended for the sole purpose of permitting the above-named magistrate judges to
12 preside over and enter orders in cases in which a party has an outstanding warrant
13 and surrenders at the safe surrender event at the at the McKinley Magistrate Court
14 in Gallup, New Mexico, on March 27, 2026, or March 28, 2026.

15 IT IS SO ORDERED.



16 WITNESS, the Honorable David K. Thomson, Chief
17 Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New
18 Mexico, and the seal of said Court this 2nd day of March,
19 2026.

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

I CERTIFY AND ATTEST:
A true copy was served on all parties
or their counsel of record on date filed.
Elizabeth A. Garcia
Chief Clerk of the Supreme Court
of the State of New Mexico