



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

2 **April 8, 2026**

3 **NO. S-1-AO-2026-00015**

4 **IN THE MATTER OF THE ELECTION OF**
5 **JULIE J. VARGAS AS CHIEF JUSTICE**
6 **OF THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW MEXICO**

7 **ORDER**

8 WHEREAS, this matter came on for consideration by the Court upon its
9 constitutional and statutory mandate to elect a chief justice every two years at its
10 first meeting in April of even-numbered years, and the Court having considered the
11 matter and being sufficiently advised;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that, pursuant to Article VI, Section
13 4 of the New Mexico Constitution and NMSA 1978, Section 34-2-1(C) (2008), Hon.
14 Julie J. Vargas has been elected to the position of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court
15 of New Mexico, which shall be effective upon taking the oath of office on April 8,
16 2026.



WITNESS, the Honorable David K. Thomson, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New Mexico, and the seal of said Court this 8th day of April, 2026.



David K. Thomson, Chief Justice

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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