

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

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3 ***CONFLICT RESOLUTION WEEK RECOGNITION***
4 ***October 19 – 23, 2026***

5 *WHEREAS, mediation is a dispute resolution process in which a neutral third*
6 *party facilitates communication between the parties to a dispute to help them reach*
7 *a voluntary and mutually acceptable agreement;*

8 *WHEREAS, the Statewide Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Commission*
9 *promotes the advancement of court-connected dispute resolution services available*
10 *to individuals, families, businesses, and government bodies;*

11 *WHEREAS, the New Mexico courts encourage, offer, and provide ADR to*
12 *assist litigants in resolving a broad array of disputes that include civil, family,*
13 *juvenile, and criminal matters;*

14 *WHEREAS, ADR offers many benefits to litigants, the courts, and the public,*
15 *including increased satisfaction with the dispute resolution process and outcome,*
16 *reduced court cost and workloads, reduced litigant costs, improved relationships*
17 *between the parties and decreased tension and conflict in the community;*

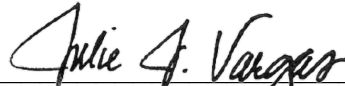
18 *WHEREAS, the availability and success of court mediation programs are*
19 *largely attributable to the efforts of judicial officers, court staff, justice partners*
20 *including community dispute resolution organizations, government agencies, state*
21 *and local bar associations, mediation organizations and the individual mediators,*
22 *many of whom contribute significant time and resources toward conducting*
23 *mediations;*

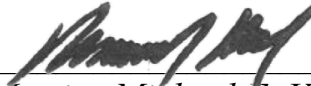
1 *WHEREAS, widespread awareness of the nature, availability, and benefits of*
2 *ADR and court mediation programs is important to ensure the use of these programs*
3 *and access to justice; and*

4 *WHEREAS, the American Bar Association (ABA) created the Mediation Week*
5 *initiative as a celebration of the strides made in institutionalizing mediation as one*
6 *of several dispute resolution processes and with the Association for Conflict*
7 *Resolution promotes “Conflict Resolution Week” events annually during the third*
8 *week in October.*

9 *NOW, THEREFORE, the Supreme Court of New Mexico proclaims the third*
10 *week of October as CONFLICT RESOLUTION WEEK in New Mexico, commends*
11 *the efforts of the individuals and organizations that make ADR services publicly*
12 *available in New Mexico, and encourages the courts to recognize those individuals*
13 *and publicize their ADR programs during Conflict Resolution Week.*

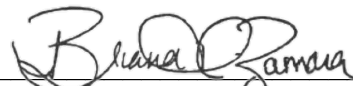
14 *DONE in Santa Fe, New Mexico, this 9th day of October, 2026.*

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17 *Chief Justice Julie J. Vargas*

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20 *Justice Michael E. Vigil*

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23 *Justice C. Shannon Bacon*

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26 *Justice David K. Thomson*

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29 *Justice Briana H. Zamora*