

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

2 **April 23, 2020**

3 **NO. 20-8500-014**

4 **IN THE MATTER OF THE**
5 **EXTENSION OF THE STAY OF**
6 **ALL COURT ORDERS REQUIRING IN-PERSON**
7 **VISITS BETWEEN CHILDREN IN CUSTODY**
8 **OF THE NEW MEXICO CHILDREN, YOUTH AND**
9 **FAMILIES DEPARTMENT AND RESPONDENTS**
10 **UNDER THE ABUSE AND NEGLECT ACT**

11 **ORDER**
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13 WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020, this Court entered Order No. 20-8500-009
14 to stay court orders requiring in-person visits between children in custody of the
15 New Mexico Children, Youth, and Families Department and respondents under the
16 Abuse and Neglect Act in accordance with certain terms set forth in that order;

17 WHEREAS, Order No. 8500-009 was to remain in effect until April 26,
18 2020, unless extended, amended, or withdrawn by future order of this Court;

19 WHEREAS, the Court recognizes the need to extend the duration of Order
20 No. 20-8500-009 to maintain the current balance between the need to protect the
21 health and well-being of children in CYFD custody with current directives from
22 public health authorities emphasizing the need for New Mexicans to avoid
23 unnecessary contact with one another and remain in their homes to the greatest
24 extent possible during the current public health emergency; and

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WHEREAS, in light of the foregoing, and the Court being sufficiently advised, Chief Justice Judith K. Nakamura, Justice Barbara J. Vigil, Justice Michael E. Vigil, Justice C. Shannon Bacon, and Justice David K. Thomson concurring;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the requirements in Order No. 20-8500-009 shall remain in effect until amended or withdrawn by future order of this Court.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



WITNESS, the Honorable Judith K. Nakamura, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New Mexico, and the seal of said Court this 23rd day of April, 2020.

Joey D. Moza, Chief Clerk of the Supreme Court
of the State of New Mexico