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

2 **July 2, 2021**

3 **NO. S-1-SC-38844**

4 **INQUIRY CONCERNING A JUDGE**
5 **NO. 2020-094**

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7 **IN THE MATTER OF HON. KAREN E. GATES**
8 **Cimarron Municipal Court Judge**

9 **ORDER**

10 WHEREAS, this matter came on for consideration by the Court upon the
11 Judicial Standards Commission's petition to accept stipulation to resignation from
12 judicial office in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings, and the Court having
13 considered the petition, having determined that acceptance of the stipulation is in
14 the best interests of the judiciary and the public, and being sufficiently advised;
15 Chief Justice Michael E. Vigil, Justice C. Shannon Bacon, Justice David K.
16 Thomson, and Justice Julie J. Vargas concurring;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the petition to accept
18 stipulation to resignation from judicial office in lieu of further disciplinary
19 proceedings is GRANTED, and the stipulation to resignation from judicial office
20 in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings is APPROVED;

21 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the resignation of respondent, Municipal

1 Court Judge Karen E. Gates, shall be effective as of 5:00 p.m. on June 11, 2021;

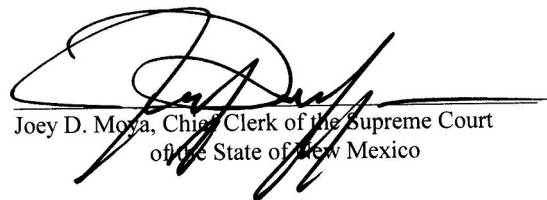
2 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent shall submit duplicate original
3 letters of resignation to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of New Mexico and
4 the Mayor of Cimarron and shall concurrently provide a copy to the Judicial
5 Standards Commission; and

6 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all documents filed in this Court in
7 Inquiry No. 2020-094 are UNSEALED pursuant to Rule 27-104(B) NMRA.

8 IT IS SO ORDERED.



WITNESS, the Honorable Michael E. Vigil, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New Mexico, and the seal of said Court this 2nd day of July, 2021.


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

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