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

**December 15, 2021**

**NO. S-1-SC-39121**

**IN THE MATTER OF HON. ROBERT W. IONTA  
McKinley County Magistrate Court Judge**

**ORDER**

WHEREAS, this matter came on for consideration by the Court upon order issued on November 17, 2021, by Chief Judge Curtis R. Gurley of the Eleventh Judicial District Court, for McKinley County Magistrate Court Judge Robert W. Ionta to vacate the McKinley County Magistrate Court Building due to concerns about Judge Ionta's fitness for the position of magistrate judge and his ability to fulfill the requirements of the position of magistrate judge, supporting documentation of those concerns, and oral argument by show cause hearing held on December 14, 2021, and the Court having considered the foregoing and being sufficiently advised, Chief Justice Michael E. Vigil, Justice C. Shannon Bacon, Justice David K. Thomson, Justice Julie J. Vargas, and Justice Briana H. Zamora concurring;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that pursuant to the authority of the

1 Court under Article VI, Section 3, of the Constitution of the State of New Mexico,  
2 Hon. Robert W. Ionta shall be temporarily suspended without pay until further  
3 order of the Court;


4 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Judicial Standards Commission,  
5 having been referred this matter, shall immediately notify the Court if the  
6 Commission determines that no action in the matter is warranted;

7 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this and all documents filed in this Court  
8 with regard to this matter shall remain SEALED until further order of the Court.

9 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 15th day of December, 2021.

  
Jennifer L. Scott, Chief Clerk of the Supreme Court  
of the State of New Mexico

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