



In the Supreme Court of the State of New Mexico

LAW DAY RECOGNITION –LAW DAY 2025

Sixty-seven years ago, in 1958, President Eisenhower proclaimed May 1st “Law Day” — a day to honor the rule of law, a cornerstone of the foundation of the United States of America. Then, in 1961, Congress issued a joint resolution formally designating May 1st as Law Day “to foster a full understanding and appreciation of our liberties and of the legal and judicial institutions which protect them.”

This year, we mark the 67th annual celebration of Law Day with the theme: “The Constitution’s Promise: Out of Many, One.” The Preamble to the Constitution affirms that the Framers established this founding document as representatives of “We the People, in Order to Form a More Perfect Union.” That enduring vision of unity continues to guide us today as we reflect on our responsibilities to one another, our democratic principles, and the legal framework that binds us together.

The Constitution affirms our collective commitment to justice, liberty, and equality. It establishes essential democratic mechanisms, including representative government, the separation of powers, and participation in the civic process. Through these institutions, we are united as one—diverse in background, yet equal in our rights and responsibilities.

In the Land of Enchantment, Law Day is a time to reflect on how the rule of law shapes both our state and our nation. It is a time to recognize the critical role of the judiciary in upholding justice and preserving democratic values. Courts across New Mexico and our nation serve as guardians of our rights and interpreters of both state

and federal law—ensuring our freedoms are not only protected but meaningfully applied.

On Law Day 2025, the Judiciary renews its unwavering commitment to promoting public understanding of the law, encouraging civic dialogue, and advancing equal justice under the law. We strive to foster a culture of respect for the legal principles and institutions that define our democracy. In a nation and state as richly diverse as ours, the rule of law is what unites us—ensuring that every person, regardless of background or belief, is treated with fairness and dignity. Out of many, we are one not by erasing or ignoring our differences, but by upholding the shared principles that allow all voices to be heard and all rights protected.

Today, and every day, let us recognize the law not merely as a system of rules, but as a living promise—one that binds us together, empowers us equally, and reminds us that in a just society governed by law, we are one.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David K. Thomson, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of New Mexico, do hereby recognize Thursday, May 1, 2025, as Law Day, and I urge the legal professionals of New Mexico to recognize and participate in the observance of this designated day by renewing their commitment to civics education by engaging our youth in understanding the rule of law.

DONE in Santa Fe, New Mexico, this 1st day of May, 2025.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Thomson".

David K. Thomson, Chief Justice