## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

FRANK ORTIZ, Appellant, vs. JOYCE ANN ORTIZ, Respondent. No. 41865

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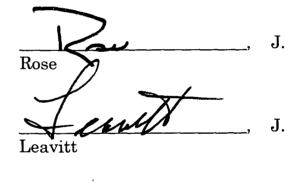
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## ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

This proper person appeal is taken from a minute order denying appellant's motion to modify custody and visitation. Our review of the documents transmitted under NRAP 3(e) reveals a jurisdictional defect. In particular, no appeal may be taken from a minute order; a notice of appeal is ineffective if filed before a written order is entered.<sup>1</sup> Accordingly, as we lack jurisdiction to consider this appeal, we dismiss it.

It is so ORDERED.<sup>2</sup>



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<sup>1</sup>NRAP 4(a)(1); <u>Rust v. Clark Cty. School District</u>, 103 Nev. 686, 747 P.2d 1380 (1987).

<sup>2</sup>Although appellant was not granted leave to file papers in proper person, <u>see NRAP 46(b)</u>, we have considered the proper person documents received from appellant.

JUPREME COURT OF NEVADA cc: Hon. William O. Voy, District Judge, Family Court Division Frank Ortiz Joyce Ann Ortiz Clark County Clerk

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