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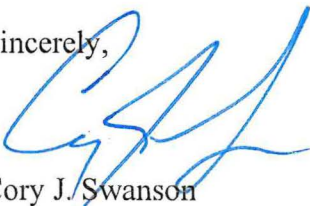
Dear Governor Gianforte:

I am writing to inform you of an impending vacancy in the Eleventh Judicial District, Flathead County. District Court Judges Amy Eddy and Dan Wilson are running for the fourth seat on the Montana Supreme Court due to Justice Beth Baker's retirement. A replacement for either Department A or Department D will need to be appointed to fill the remainder of the respective judge's term. Judge Eddy's term in Department A ends in December 2030, and Judge Wilson's term in Department D ends in December 2028.

The District Judge vacancy will occur not later than the first Monday in January 2027. I am informing you sufficiently in advance in the hopes that you can soon begin the process of filling the vacancy to provide a seamless transition.

Thank you for your leadership in support of the Montana Judicial Branch. Please call upon me or Court Administrator Dave McAlpin if our services are needed to fill this vacancy.

Sincerely,


Cory J. Swanson
Chief Justice

c: Hon. Amy Eddy
Hon. Dan Wilson
Sara Fredenberg Smith, Clerk of Court, Flathead County
Devin Kuntz, Court Administrator
Dave McAlpin, Supreme Court Administrator