## THE SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA

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Greg Gianforte Governor, State of Montana Office of the Governor P.O. Box 200801 Helena, MT 59620

## Dear Governor Gianforte:

The Honorable Katherine M. Bidegaray has given notice of her intention to resign from her position of state district judge in the Seventh Judicial District effective January 5, 2025. Pursuant to Montana law, following notice from the Chief Justice the Governor is required to solicit applications to fill the position. I am asking that you initiate the process as soon as possible.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Mike McGrath Chief Justice

c: Hon. Katherine M. Bidegaray

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