

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
STATE OF MONTANA

GREG GIANFORTE  
GOVERNOR



KRISTEN JURAS  
LT. GOVERNOR

May 4, 2026

The Honorable Rebecca Swandal



Dear Judge Swandal:

It is my pleasure to appoint you as District Court Judge to fill the vacancy in the Sixth Judicial District resulting from the resignation of Judge Brenda Gilbert. Your term will begin upon Judge Gilbert's retirement on June 1, 2026 and continue through January 1, 2029. If you desire to complete the entire six-year term of Judge Gilbert, which ends January 5, 2031, you will be required to run for election in the 2028 primary and general elections.

Please coordinate your transition with Chief Justice Cory Swanson and Judge Gilbert.

When you are sworn in, please sign the enclosed oath of office and return it to Hannah Slusser, P.O. Box 200801, Helena, MT 59620-0801 and we will file it with the Secretary of State.

I appreciate your willingness to serve the citizens of Montana and your commitment to the fair and consistent application of the law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Greg Gianforte".

GREG GIANFORTE  
Governor

cc: Chief Justice Cory Swanson  
Judge Brenda Gilbert