## 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 James A. Manley has given notice of his intention to retire from his position of state district judge in the Twentieth Judicial District, effective June 1, 2022. 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. James A. Manley

Hon. Deborah Kim Christopher

Lyn Fricker, Clerk of District Court, Lake County Candace Fisher, Clerk of District Court, Sanders County

Beth McLaughlin, Supreme Court Administrator