

THE SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA

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Greg Gianforte  
Governor, State of Montana  
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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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike McGrath".

Mike McGrath  
Chief Justice

c: Hon. Katherine M. Bidegaray  
Tammera Helmuth, Clerk of District Court, Dawson County  
Savannah Hanson, Clerk of District Court, McCone County  
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