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ORDER

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPOINTMENT OF  
A CHIEF WATER JUDGE

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Section 3-7-221, MCA, provides that the Chief Justice of the Montana Supreme court may appoint a Chief Water Judge as provided by law.

Pursuant to § 3-1-1010, MCA, the Judicial Nomination Commission has submitted a nominee for the position of Chief Water Judge. Having considered the abilities, background, and qualifications of this nominee, I have concluded that the reappointment of William Russell McElyea is in the best interests of the citizens of Montana. Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that William Russell McElyea of Bozeman, Montana, is hereby reappointed, subject to Senate confirmation, to the position of Chief Water Judge of the State of Montana for a term commencing on August 1, 2017, and ending July 31, 2021.

The Clerk is directed to file a signed copy of this Order with the Secretary of State of the State of Montana, and provide duplicates to the Governor of the State of Montana, to the Office of Court Administrator, to William Russell McElyea, Chief Water Judge, and to the State Bar of Montana.

DATED this 6 day of July, 2017.

For the Court,

By   
Chief Justice