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### COURT ANNOUNCEMENT

United States Magistrate Judge Jeremiah C. Lynch of the Missoula Division of the District of Montana has announced that he will retire effective August 2, 2019. Judge Lynch made the announcement in a letter to Chief United States District Judge Dana L. Christensen dated October 15, 2018.

Judge Lynch was appointed to his position on June 10, 2006, and is currently Montana's longest-serving active United States magistrate judge. A 1981 graduate of the University of Montana School of Law, Judge Lynch began his legal career in Great Falls, serving as a law clerk to United States District Judge Paul G. Hatfield from 1981-1996. From 1996 until his appointment as a U.S. magistrate judge, Judge Lynch practiced as a trial lawyer in Great Falls with his colleague and friend Thomas Boland.

During his time on the federal bench, Judge Lynch served on the Ninth Circuit Magistrate Judges' Executive Board, the Ninth Circuit Jury Instructions Committee, and as chair of the District of Montana's District Court Local Rules Committee.

Judge Lynch's tenure on the bench has been marked by his commitment to fairness and efficiency in the judicial process. Litigants in Judge Lynch's court can expect prompt, well-reasoned rulings regardless of the nature of the proceeding. Judge Lynch has dedicated the majority of his professional life to the United States District Court, and the Court is sincerely grateful for Judge Lynch's many contributions to the administration of justice in the District of Montana.

Judge Lynch was born and raised in Butte, Montana, one of five children of John and Mary Lynch. He graduated from Christian Brothers High School in 1969, and received a bachelor's degree in zoology from Carroll College in 1973. He

received a master's degree in zoology from Montana State University in 1976. He and his wife, Teresa, have four children and eight grandchildren.