**CERTIFICATE**

The Judicial Nomination Commission of the State of Montana hereby nominates **Stephen R. Brown** for the position of Associate Water Judge for the Montana Water Court. The Commission certifies to the Honorable Mike McGrath, Chief Justice of the Montana Supreme Court, that Mr. Brown qualifies for appointment under the laws of the State of Montana for the position of Associate Water Judge.

**REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 3-1-1010, MCA, the Judicial Nomination Commission provides the following report:

Seven members of the Judicial Nomination Commission participated in a conference call to discuss the application of Mr. Brown and public comment regarding the applicant. The application and public comment are attached to this certificate and also may be reviewed at: <http://www.courts.mt.gov>.

**Stephen R. Brown** received seven affirmative votes (unanimous) to recommend his appointment. The Commission nominated Mr. Brown for the following reasons:

1. The Commission previously interviewed and nominated Mr. Brown for the position of Associate Water Judge.
2. Chief Justice McGrath appointed Mr. Brown as Associate Water Judge.
3. Mr. Brown has served as Associate Water Judge since 2019.
4. Mr. Brown has been recommended for reappointment by Chief Water Judge Russell McElyea. No adverse public comment was received.

Done by conference call on the 10th day of June, 2020.

Hon. John Brown, Chair Elizabeth Halverson, Secretary

Janice Bishop Karl Englund

Hal Harper Lane Larson

Nancy Zadick