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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA

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IN RE: ~~BY APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT KEITH STRONG~~)
AS UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE) **Standing Order No. DWM - 46**
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA)

Upon advice that the current term of United States Magistrate Richard W. Anderson will expire on January 5, 2007, and upon determination that Robert Keith Strong be appointed for a term of eight (8) years, the court does determine to proceed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 631, and the regulations of the Judicial Conference promulgated under authority of 28 U.S.C. § 631 (b) (5).

Accordingly, in accordance with such statute and regulations, an advisory panel composed of the following persons was appointed:

- Stephen Foster
- Michael Cok
- Bernard F. Hubley
- Jim E. Peterson
- James Foley
- Cathy Lewis
- Shelley Hopkins

Such panel reviewed Mr. Strong's performance as an attorney and considered all comments received from members of the bar and public. Such panel reported to this Court and recommended that Robert Keith Strong be appointed as Magistrate Judge.

Accordingly, Robert Keith Strong is hereby appointed as a full-time United States Magistrate Judge at the salary fixed by the Judicial Conference of the United States with his official duty station being designated as Great Falls, Montana.

United States Magistrate Judge Robert Keith Strong shall enter upon the performance of his duties at 12:01 a.m. on January 6, 2007, but prior to the commencement of such duties, he

shall take the oath of affirmation prescribed by 28 U.S.C. §§ 453 and 631 (g).

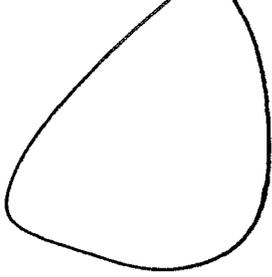
Robert Keith Strong, United States Magistrate Judge, is to hold and discharge the duties of his office for a term of eight (8) years from the date of his appointment subject to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 631 (c), unless sooner removed.

The Clerk of this Court is directed to file certified copies of this Order in the records of each division of this Court and shall likewise forward a certified copy of this Order to the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts and to the Circuit Executive of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

DATED this 5th day of January, 2007.



Donald W. Molloy
Chief United States District Judge



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