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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

STATE OF MONTANA, Plaintiff and Appellee,

vs.

JOHN RAYMOND WELZEL, Defendant and Appellant. Case No.: DA 23-0450

MOTION TO WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL OF RECORD AND REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT OF APPELLATE DEFENDER

Counsel for the Defendant/Appellant hereby moves this Court to withdraw as counsel for the Defendant/Appellant and to appoint the Appellate Defender's office to represent the Defendant/Appellant. The Defendant/Appellant's potential issues for appeal would likely require alternative counsel to bring forth. Further, the Defendant/Appellant is currently incarcerated and indigent, and undersigned Counsel believes the Defendant/Appellant qualifies for representation by the Appellate Defender Division.

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DATED this 25th day of September, 2023.

HINCHEY & HINCHEY, P.C.

By: /s/Sean D. Hinchey

Sean D. Hinchey Attorney for Defendant and Appellant

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Sean D. Hinchey, hereby certify that I have served true and accurate copies of the foregoing Motion - Withdrawal of Counsel to the following on 09-25-2023:

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> Electronically signed by Angela Ream on behalf of Sean D. Hinchey Dated: 09-25-2023