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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA No. DA 22-0699

STATE OF MONTANA,

Plaintiff and Appellee,

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KAITLYN REBECCA HOLMES,

Defendant and Appellant.

UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND AFFIDAVIT

COMES NOW, Samantha Niesen, on behalf of counsel of record Herman A. Watson, IV for Defendant and Appellant, and respectfully requests a 30-day extension of time until November 17, 2023, in which to prepare, file, and serve the Appellant's reply brief in this matter. This is Appellant's first extension request for the reply brief. Counsel, Herman A. Watson, IV, is out of the country for the

current deadline and will need additional time upon his return to review and reply to the Response Brief filed by the State. Opposing counsel has been contacted and does not object. In support of this motion, undersigned counsel respectfully submits the following affidavit.

/s/ Samantha Niesen

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STATE OF MONTANA)

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County of Gallatin)

- I, Samantha Niesen, being first duly sworn upon my oath, depose and state as follows:
- 1. I am a licensed, practicing attorney in the State of Montana, in good standing with the State Bar.
 - 2. I am an Associate Attorney with Watson Law Office.
- 3. Herman A. Watson, IV is the counsel of record for the Defendant and Appellant, Kaitlyn Holmes, and I have assisted on the appeal in this matter.
- 4. Mr. Watson has been out of the country since early October and will not return until after the Reply Brief is due.
 - 5. This is the first extension request for the reply brief.

- 7. We will work diligently to complete the brief during the requested extension period.
 - 8. Opposing counsel has been contacted and does not object.
 - 9. Further your affiant sayeth naught.
 - 10. Under penalty of perjury, the foregoing is true and correct.

/<u>s/ Samantha Niesen</u> Samantha Niesen

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I caused a true and accurate copy of the foregoing Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time and Affidavit to be mailed to:

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I, Samantha Niesen, hereby certify that I have served true and accurate copies of the foregoing Motion - Extension of Time to the following on 10-19-2023:

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