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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

No. DA 22-0632

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STATE OF MONTANA,

Plaintiff and Appellee,

v.

LORENZO JAMES HARRIS,

Defendant and Appellant.

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**UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
AND DECLARATION IN SUPPORT**

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The Appellee, State of Montana, respectfully requests a 30-day extension of time until December 10, 2024, in which to prepare, file, and serve its response brief in the above-entitled matter.

In support of this motion, undersigned counsel submits the following Declaration.

Respectfully submitted this 1st day of November, 2024.

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By: /s/ Christine Hutchison  
CHRISTINE HUTCHISON  
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### **DECLARATION**

Pursuant to Mont. Code Ann. § 1-6-105, I, Christine Hutchison, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am a licensed, practicing attorney in the State of Montana, and am currently employed by the Montana Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General, Appellate Services Bureau, as an Assistant Attorney General.
2. In my capacity as Assistant Attorney General, I have been assigned to handle the above-entitled matter.
3. The brief is presently due on November 10, 2024. This is the State's third extension request, and I am requesting a 30-day extension of time until December 10, 2024, to file my brief.

4. I have been unable to complete this case due to my workload.

Additional time is needed to review the record, research, consult with the trial prosecutor, and draft the response. In the last month I have filed a response brief in DA 22-0483, *State v. Walla*, and a notice of concession in DA 22-0717, *State v. Sharp*.

5. Opposing counsel has been contacted concerning this motion and does not object.

6. I will work diligently to complete the briefing within the requested period.

7. I hereby declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America and the State of Montana that the foregoing is true and correct.

Respectfully submitted this 1st day of November, 2024.

/s/ Christine Hutchison

CHRISTINE HUTCHISON

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Christine M. Hutchison, hereby certify that I have served true and accurate copies of the foregoing Motion - Unopposed to the following on 11-01-2024:

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