IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE



CERTIFICATE OF ASCERTAINMENT FOR THE ELECTION OF THE 2012 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS FOR THE STATE OF MONTANA

I, Brian Schweitzer, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby certify that on November 27, 2012, in accordance with the provisions of Section 13-15-502, Montana Code Annotated, the Attorney General, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and State Auditor, or their designees, constituting the Board of State Canvassers of the State of Montana, met in the office of the Secretary of State and, as such Board, and in the presence of the Secretary of State or designee, proceeded in accordance with the laws of this State to complete the canvass of the votes cast at the General Election held in the State of Montana on Tuesday, the sixth day of November, 2012 for President and Vice President of the United States.

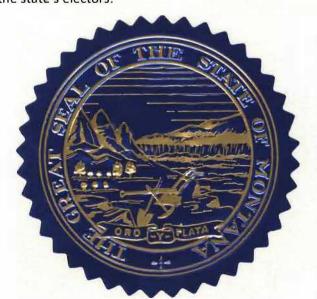
And I do further certify that the said Board of State Canvassers as aforesaid did ascertain, declare and certify to the Governor of said State that the votes given and cast for each of the persons voted for were and are as follows:

BARACK OBAMA & JOE BIDEN: Cassandra Luckey, Jacquie Helt and Linda S. Beischel: 201,839 votes. GARY JOHNSON & JAMES P. GRAY: Robert W. McCoy, Leona R. Merrick and Daniel Cox: 14,165 votes. MITT ROMNEY & PAUL RYAN: Errol Galt, Thelma Baker and John Brenden: 267,928 votes.

And I do hereby certify that the number of votes given and cast is correct, as appears from the official declaration and certification of said Board of State Canvassers.

And by reason of said declaration and certification, I do hereby certify that the following named persons, to-wit: **Errol Galt, Thelma Baker,** and **John Brenden** are the duly elected Presidential Electors of the State of Montana.

Pursuant to Section 13-25-305, Montana Code Annotated, I do hereby state that the electors will serve as electors unless a vacancy occurs in the office of elector before the end of the meeting required under Section 13-25-307(1), Montana Code Annotated, in which case a substitute elector will fill the vacancy as provided for in Section 13-25-306, Montana Code Annotated; and if a substitute elector is appointed to fill a vacancy, I will submit an amended certificate of ascertainment stating the names on the final list of the state's electors.



In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of the State of Montana to be affixed at Helena, Montana on December 12, 2012, A.D.

Brian Schweitzer, Governor

ATTEST:

Linda McCulloch, Secretary of State