



MONTANA BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLE



Joseph McElroy

Joseph McElroy was appointed by Governor Greg Gianforte in January of 2024 to the Montana Board of Pardons and Parole Board as a board member. Mr. McElroy is also the State Superintendent of Public Instruction representative on the Executive Board of the Montana High School Association. Mr. McElroy retired as the Deputy Chief United States Probation Officer of the District of Montana after 23 years of service.

Mr. McElroy started his career in 1991 in the Montana 5th Judicial District Court as a chief juvenile probation officer. He later moved to Billings and served as a state probation /parole officer for the Montana Department of Corrections before being appointed as a United States Probation/Pretrial Services Officer in 1997. Upon his federal appointment, his first duty station was the Fort Peck Reservation, where he received the "Strength Through Community Award" from the city of Wolf Point. Mr. McElroy has also received recognition from the Federal Bureau of Investigation for his investigative abilities and was also awarded the Chief Judge award in the United States District Court for the District Montana for his mentorship of fellow officers and leadership abilities. Mr. McElroy also has served on national working groups to include treatment services and supervision strategies.

Mr. McElroy is a graduate from Flathead High School, Kalispell, Montana. He earned his Bachelor of Social Work from University of Mary, Bismarck, North Dakota. He is also a graduate of the Montana Law Enforcement Academy and graduate of the Federal Judiciary Foundations of Management Program. Mr. McElroy has extensive community involvement as a football coach, official, volunteer fireman, search and rescue and a reserve deputy.