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Chief Justice E. James Burke announced today that the Justices of the Wyoming Supreme Court have elected Justice Michael K. Davis to be the next Chief Justice, effective upon the expiration of Chief Justice Burke's term on June 30, 2018.

Justice Davis was appointed to the Supreme Court by Governor Matt Mead on August 30, 2012. Before his appointment to the Supreme Court, Justice Davis served as a district judge in the First Judicial District in Cheyenne. He served in the United States Army from 1973 to 1975. He received a B.A. summa cum laude from Western State College of Colorado in 1977, and a Juris Doctorate with Honor from the University of Wyoming College of Law in 1980. He practiced law with the firm of Yonkee and Toner in Sheridan from 1980 to 2006, and from a Cheyenne branch office of the firm from 2006 until 2008, when he became a district judge. Justice Davis is married to Jan, and they have four adult children.

Justice Davis will become the thirty-eighth Justice to serve as Chief Justice. In addition to his current duties, he will assume the administrative responsibilities of the Wyoming court system. During his four-year term, Justice Davis will serve as the Chair of the Board of Judicial Policy and Administration, Chair of the Judicial Nominating Commission, and as the Chief Justice of the Wyoming Supreme Court.