



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

May 31, 2023

The Honorable Jane Nelson
Secretary of State
State Capitol, Room 1E.8
Austin, Texas 78701

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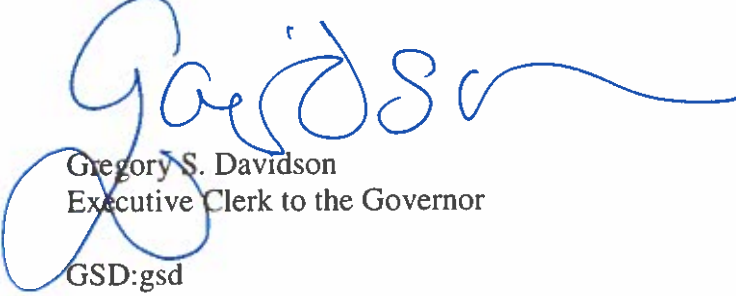
Dear Secretary Nelson:

Pursuant to his powers as Governor of the State of Texas, Greg Abbott has issued the following:

A proclamation making a provisional appointment to serve as Attorney General until a decision in the impeachment trial of Warren Kenneth Paxton, Jr. is reached.

The original proclamation is attached to this letter of transmittal.

Respectfully submitted,

A large, stylized blue ink signature of Gregory S. Davidson.

Gregory S. Davidson
Executive Clerk to the Governor

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Attachment

PROCLAMATION
BY THE
Governor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

WHEREAS, the power of impeachment is vested in the Texas House of Representatives by Article XV, Section 1 of the Texas Constitution; and

WHEREAS, on May 27, 2023, the Texas House of Representatives adopted House Resolution No. 2377 to prefer articles of impeachment against Warren Kenneth Paxton, Jr., Attorney General of Texas; and

WHEREAS, a certified copy of such articles of impeachment was delivered to the Senate on May 29, 2023; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article XV, Section 2 of the Texas Constitution, impeachment of the Attorney General shall be tried by the Texas Senate in due course; and

WHEREAS, there now exists a vacancy in the office of Attorney General by operation of Article XV, Section 5 of the Texas Constitution, which dictates that all officers against whom articles of impeachment may be preferred shall be suspended from the exercise of the duties of their office during the pendency of such impeachment;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article XV, Section 5 of the Texas Constitution, do hereby make a provisional appointment of The Honorable John Scott, former Texas Secretary of State, to serve as Attorney General until the decision on the impeachment.

In accordance with the statutory requirements, copies of this proclamation shall be filed with the applicable authorities.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and have officially caused the Seal of State to be affixed at my office in the City of Austin, Texas, this the 31st day of May, 2023.


GREG ABBOTT
Governor

ATTESTED BY:


JANE NELSON
Secretary of State

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