October 10, 2020

The Honorable Ruth R. Hughes
Secretary of State
State Capitol Room 1E.8
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Secretary Hughes:

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

A proclamation ordering a special runoff election to be held in Texas State Senate District No. 30 on Saturday, December 19, 2020, for the purpose of electing a state senator to serve out the unexpired term of the Honorable Pat Fallon.

The original proclamation is attached to this letter of transmittal.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Gregory S. Davidson
Executive Clerk to the Governor

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Attachment
TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

WHEREAS, the resignation of the Honorable Pat Fallon, and its acceptance, has caused a vacancy to exist in Texas State Senate District No. 30, which consists of Archer, Clay, Cooke, Erath, Grayson, Jack, Montague, Palo Pinto, Parker, Wichita, Wise, and Young counties and parts of Collin and Denton counties; and

WHEREAS, an emergency special election to fill the vacancy in Senate District No. 30 was held on Tuesday, September 29, 2020, and the results of that special election have been officially declared; and

WHEREAS, no candidate in the special election received a majority of the votes cast, as required by Section 203.003 of the Texas Election Code; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.021 of the Texas Election Code requires that a runoff election be held if no candidate receives the votes necessary to be elected; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.025(d) of the Texas Election Code provides that a runoff election for a special election to fill a vacancy in the legislature must be held not earlier than the 70th day or later than the 77th day after the date the final canvass of the main election is completed; and

WHEREAS, Section 3.003(a)(3) of the Texas Election Code requires a special runoff election to be ordered by proclamation of the governor;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GREG ABBOTT, Governor of Texas, under the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of Texas, do hereby order a special runoff election to be held in Texas State Senate District No. 30 on Saturday, December 19, 2020, for the purpose of electing a state senator to serve out the unexpired term of the Honorable Pat Fallon.

Early voting by personal appearance shall begin on Wednesday, December 9, 2020, in accordance with Section 85.001(b) of the Texas Election Code.

A copy of this order shall be mailed immediately to the County Judges of all counties contained within Texas State Senate District No. 30, and all appropriate writs shall be issued and all proper proceedings shall be followed to the end that said special runoff election may be held to fill the vacancy in Texas State Senate District No. 30 and its result proclaimed in accordance with law.

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
Governor Greg Abbott
October 10, 2020

Austin, Texas, this the 10th day of October, 2020.

GREG ABBOTT
Governor

ATTESTED BY:

RUTH R. HUGHS
Secretary of State