

## STATE OF TEXAS OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

RICK PERRY GOVERNOR

December 22, 2014

The Honorable Nandita Berry Secretary of State State Capitol Room 1E.8 Austin, Texas 78701 NANDITA BERRY

Secretary of State

Dear Madam Secretary:

Pursuant to his powers as Chief Executive Officer of the State of Texas, Governor Rick Perry has issued the following proclamation:

Ordering a special election to be held on Tuesday, January 13, 2015, in Texas House of Representatives District No. 13, for the purpose of electing a representative to fill the vacancy in the seat previously held by The Honorable Lois Kolkhorst.

The original of this proclamation is attached to this letter of transmittal.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory S. Davidson

Executive Clerk to the Governor

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Attachment

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## **PROCLAMATION**

BY THE

## Governor of the State of Texas

## TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

WHEREAS, The Honorable Lois W. Kolkhorst has been elected to serve as state senator in District No. 18 and has taken the oath for said office resulting in a vacancy for the elected term in Texas House District No. 13, which consists of Austin, Burleson, Colorado, Fayette, Grimes, Lavaca, and Washington counties; and

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 13 of the Texas Constitution and Section 203.002 of the Texas Election Code require that a special election be ordered upon such a vacancy; and

WHEREAS, the vacancy has occurred during the 60 days immediately prior to the date of convening the 84th Regular Session of the Texas Legislature (said date being January 13, 2015), and therefore, pursuant to Section 203.013(c) of the Texas Election Code, the special election must be held on a Tuesday or Saturday occurring no earlier than the 21st day or later than the 45th day after the date the special election is ordered; and

WHEREAS, Section 3.003 of the Texas Election Code requires the special election to be ordered by proclamation of the governor; and

WHEREAS, Tuesday, January 13, 2015, is an appropriate election date under Section 203.013(c) of the Texas Election Code, occurring after the date the special election is ordered;

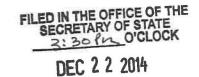
NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK PERRY, Governor of Texas, under the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Statutes of the State of Texas, do hereby order a special election to be held in House District No. 13 on Tuesday, January 13, 2015, for the purpose of electing a state representative to serve the term of The Honorable Lois W. Kolkhorst.

Candidates who wish to have their names placed on the special election ballot must file their applications with the secretary of state no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 29, 2014, in accordance with Section 203.013(d) of the Texas Election Code.

Early voting by personal appearance shall begin on Monday, January 5, 2015, in accordance with Section 85.001(d) of the Texas Election Code.

A copy of this order shall be mailed immediately to the county judges of all counties contained within House District No. 13, and all appropriate writs will be issued and all proper proceedings will be followed for the purpose that said election may be held to fill the vacancy in District No. 13 and its result proclaimed in accordance with law.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereto 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 22nd day of December, 2014.

RICK PERRY Governor of Texas

ATTESTED BY:

NANDITA BERRY
Secretary of State