## **PROCLAMATION**

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## Governor of the State of Texas

## TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

WHEREAS, the January 4, 2019, declination of office by the Honorable Justin Rodriguez has caused a vacancy to exist in Texas State House of Representatives District No. 125, which is wholly contained within Bexar County; 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 Section 3.003 of the Texas Election Code requires the special election to be ordered by proclamation of the Governor; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 203.013(a), the vacancy occurred during the 60 days immediately prior to the date of convening the 86th Regular Legislative Session; and

WHEREAS, Section 203.013(c) of the Texas Election Code provides that an expedited special election must be held on a Tuesday or Saturday occurring not earlier than the 21st day or later than the 45th day after the date the election is ordered;

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 election to be held in Texas State House of Representatives District No. 125 on Tuesday, February 12, 2019, for the purpose of electing a state representative to serve out the remainder of the full term of office declined by the Honorable Justin Rodriguez.

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, January 14, 2019.

Early voting by personal appearance shall begin on Monday, January 28, 2019, in accordance with Sections 85.001(a) and (c) of the Texas Election Code.

A copy of this order shall be mailed immediately to the Bexar County Judge which is the county within which Texas State House of Representatives District No. 125 is wholly contained, and all appropriate writs shall be issued and all proper proceedings shall be followed to the end that said election may be held to fill the vacancy in Texas State House of Representatives District No. 125 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 Austin, Texas, this the 7th day of January, 2019.

GREG ABBOTT

Governor

ATTESTED BY:

DAVID WHITLEY Secretary of State