State of South Carolina

Executive Department

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SECRETARY OF STATE

Office of the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020-33

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 2020-08, declaring a State of Emergency based on a determination that the 2019 Novel Coronavirus ("COVID-19") posed an imminent public health emergency for the State of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 2020-09, initiating certain emergency measures and taking additional proactive actions in connection with the evolving public health threat posed by COVID-19, to include directing that "any election, to include special, county, and municipal elections, scheduled to be held in this State or conducted by any agency, department, or political subdivision thereof, on or before May 1, 2020, shall be postponed and rescheduled" and instructing the State Election Commission ("SEC") to "work with county boards of voter registration and elections to ensure that candidate filing period(s) continue as scheduled and that individuals may register to vote without interruption" and to "issue any necessary and appropriate guidance regarding the implementation of this directive"; and

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2020, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 2020-29, declaring an additional, distinct State of Emergency—based on recent developments, new facts, changing conditions, and the previously unforeseen occurrence of a combination of extraordinary circumstances, such as the continued spread of COVID-19 and the significant economic consequences for individuals and businesses in this State—and implementing additional extraordinary measures to address the same, to include directing the postponement and rescheduling of any election scheduled to be held in this State on or before May 12, 2020; and

WHEREAS, as a collective result of the aforementioned directives set forth in Executive Order Nos. 2020-09 and 2020-29, certain general, special, and referendum elections were postponed, to include those previously scheduled to be held on the following dates: March 19, 2020; March 24, 2020; March 31, 2020; April 7, 2020; April 14, 2020; April 28, 2020; May 5, 2020; and May 12, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on May 6, 2020, the undersigned requested that the SEC confer with the corresponding county boards of voter registration and elections regarding those elections postponed pursuant to the above-referenced Orders and provide the undersigned's office with appropriate guidance and recommendations regarding the rescheduling of the same; and

WHEREAS, the SEC has since consulted with the relevant county boards of registration and elections regarding the rescheduling of elections postponed pursuant to the cited Orders and has recommended that such elections be rescheduled for Tuesday, July 14, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the SEC has provided a tentative list of elections postponed pursuant to Executive Order Nos. 2020-09 and 2020-29, a copy of which is attached hereto, along with the SEC's prior press releases related to the same; and

WHEREAS, section 7-13-1170 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, provides as follows: "When any election official of any political subdivision of this State charged with ordering, providing for, or holding an election has neglected, failed, or refused to order, provide for, or hold the election at the time appointed, or if for any reason the election is declared void by competent authority, and these facts are made to appear to the satisfaction of the Governor, he shall, should the law not otherwise provide for this contingency, order an election or a new election to be held at the time and place, and upon the notice being given which to him appears adequate to insure the will of the electorate being fairly expressed. To that end, he may designate the existing election official or other person as he may appoint to perform the necessary official duties pertaining to the election and to declare the result."

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of South Carolina and pursuant to the Constitution and Laws of this State and the powers conferred upon me therein, I hereby order that any election postponed pursuant to the provisions of Executive Order Nos. 2020-09 and 2020-29 shall be held on Tuesday, July 14, 2020, to include those elections identified in the tentative list provided by the SEC, which is attached hereto for ease of reference. Pursuant to section 7-13-1170 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, I designate and appoint the existing elections officials to perform the necessary official duties pertaining to the elections, in accordance with the applicable constitutional and statutory provisions, and to declare the results thereof. I expressly authorize the SEC to issue any necessary and appropriate additional or supplemental guidance regarding the interpretation, application, or implementation of this Order or to otherwise provide clarification regarding the same, through appropriate means, without the need for further Orders. This Order is effective immediately.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, THIS 8th DAY OF MAY, 2020.

HENRY MCMASTER
Governor

ATTEST:

MARK HAMMOND
Secretary of State

March & April Elections Postponed Due to Coronavirus

COLUMBIA, SC (March 15, 2020) – Governor McMaster today announced the postponement of all March and April elections (full list below). Affected elections will be rescheduled to occur after May 1, 2020. Specific dates will be announced later.

This announcement has NO impact on the March Candidate filing period. Candidate filing will open at noon on March 16, 2020 and will close at noon on March 30, 2020. Click here to read the SEC's Statement on March Filing and Coronavirus (https://www.scvotes.org/statement-coronavirus-and-march-candidate-filing).

List of postponed March and April elections:

March 19
Florence County School District 2 General Election

March 24
Greater Gaffney Fire District Referendum (Cherokee County)
Saluda County Council Chair Special Election

March 31
Town of Due West Special Election (Abbeville County)
City of New Ellenton General Election (Aiken County)
Town of Pelzer Special Election (Anderson County)
Town of Turbeville Special Election (Clarendon County)
City of Mauldin Special Election (Greenville County)
Town of Branchville Special Election (Orangeburg County)
Rock Hill School District 3 Bond Referendum (York County)

April 7
City of Anderson General Election

City of Bamberg Special Election
City of Folly Beach General Election (Charleston County)
Town of Great Falls General Election (Chester County)
Town of Chesterfield General Election
City of Manning General Election (Clarendon County)
Town of Summerton General Election (Clarendon County)
Town of Edgefield General Election
Town of Johnston General Election (Edgefield County)
City of Ridgeway General Election (Fairfield County)
Town of Pamplico Special Election (Florence County)
Town of Hampton General Election
Town of Varnville General Election (Hampton County)
Town of Scotia General Election (Hampton County)
Town of Furman Special Election (Hampton County)
City of McCormick General Election
City of Parksville General Election (McCormick County)

April 14
Barnwell County School Board General Election
Town of Ruby Special Election (Chesterfield County)
Town of Williams General Election (Colleton County)
Town of South Congaree General Election (Lexington County)
City of Plum Branch General Election (McCormick County)
Marion County School Board General Election
Town of Sellers Special Election (Marion County)
Town of Clio General Election (Marlboro County)
JB Fulmer Court Referendum (Newberry County)
Town of Eastover General Election (Richland County)
Roebuck Fire District Referendum (Spartanburg County)
Town of Jonesville General Election (Union County)
Town of Greeleyville General Election (Williamsburg County)

April 28
Abbeville County School Board Special Election & Bond Referendum
Laurens County School District 55 Special Election
Marlboro County School District 5 Special Election
Spartanburg County School District 3 Referendum
Town of Pacolet Special Election (Spartanburg County)

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May 5 & May 12 Elections Postponed Due to Coronavirus

COLUMBIA, SC (April 27, 2020) - Governor McMaster today announced the postponement of elections scheduled for May 5 and May 12 (full list below). Affected elections will be rescheduled. Specific dates will be announced later.

List of postponed May elections:

- May 5
  - Lancaster School Board Special Election
  - Newberry City Council Special Election
- May 12
  - Ware Shoals School Board General Election
  - Town of Windsor General Election
  - Town of Bonneau General Election
  - City of Hanahan Special Election
  - City of Chester Special Election
  - Town of Lamar Special Election
  - Ninety-Six School Board General Election
  - Spartanburg Metropolitan Sub District B Water and Sewer District General Election

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Elections To Be Rescheduled

Saluda County Chairman Special Election	SALUDA	Special
Town of Williams General Election	COLLETON	General
Mauldin City Council Seat Spec Elect	GREENVILLE	Special
Roebuck Fire District Referendum	SPARTANBURG	Referendum
Town of Chesterfield General Election	CHESTERFIELD	General
Town of Pelzer Special Election	ANDERSON	Special
City of Anderson General Election	ANDERSON	General
Town of Great Falls General Election	CHESTER	General
Town of South Congaree General Election	LEXINGTON	General
Marlboro Co Council District 5 Spec Elec	MARLBORO	Special
Ninety Six School Board General Election	GREENWOOD	General
Ware Shoals School Board Election	3 counties	General
Town of Edgefield General Election	EDGEFIELD	General
Marion County School Board Gen Election	MARION	General
Town of Johnston General Election	EDGEFIELD	General
Town of Furman Town Council Spec Elec	HAMPTON	Special
Town of Hampton General Election	HAMPTON	General
Town of Varnville General Election	HAMPTON	General
Town of Scotia General Election	HAMPTON	General
Greater Gaffney Fire District Referendum	CHEROKEE	Referendum
City of Folly Beach General Election	CHARLESTON	General
Barnwell Co School Board Gen Election	BARNWELL	General
City of McCormick General Election	MCCORMICK	General
City of Plum Branch General Election	MCCORMICK	General
Town of Clio General Election	MARLBORO	General
Due West Town Council Special Election	ABBEVILLE	Special
City of Manning General Election	CLARENDON	General
Town of Summerton General Election	CLARENDON	General
Town of Turbeville Special Election	CLARENDON	Special
City of Ridgeway General Election	FAIRFIELD	General
Town of Eastover General Election	RICHLAND	General
City of Jenkinsville General Election	FAIRFIELD	General
Town of Bonneau General Election	BERKELEY	General
Town of Sellers Special Election	MARION	Special
Bamberg City Council Dist 5 Spec Elect	BAMBERG	Special
Branchville Town Council Spec Election	ORANGEBURG	Special
Spartanburg Metro B Water Dist Gen Elect	SPARTANBURG	General
Pacolet Mayor Special Election	SPARTANBURG	Special
City of New Ellenton General Election	AIKEN	General
Florence County School Dist. 2 Gen Elect	FLORENCE	General
Pamplico Town Council Special Election	FLORENCE	Special
Town of Windsor General Election	AIKEN	General
City of Parksville General Election	MCCORMICK	General
Lancaster School Board Special Election	LANCASTER	Special
Town of Jonesville General Election	UNION	General

Elections To Be Rescheduled

Laurens County School Dist 55 Spec Elec	LAURENS	Special
J B Fulmer Court Referendum	NEWBERRY	Referendum
City of Hanahan Special Election	BERKELEY	Special
Abbeville Co School Board Spec Elect	ABBEVILLE	Special
Greeleyville Town General Election	WILLIAMSBURG	General
City of Chester Ward 2 Special Election	CHESTER	Special
Spartanburg Co School Dist 3 Referendum	SPARTANBURG	Referendum
Town of Ruby Mayor Special Election	CHESTERFIELD	Special
Newberry City Council Seat 5 Special Ele	NEWBERRY	Special
Lamar Town Council Special Election	DARLINGTON	Special