



## **PROCLAMATION**

### **Special Election for the Third Election District (Precinct 3)**

*Whereas*, Section 9 of Article II of the Commonwealth Constitution provides that “[a] vacancy in the legislature shall be filled by a special election if one-half or more of the term remains”; and,

*Whereas*, pursuant to 1 CMC § 6502, the Governor is vested with the authority to call a special election to fill a vacancy in the Legislature; and,

*Whereas*, the Honorable Ivan A. Blanco was elected to serve as a member of the House of Representatives of the 22nd Commonwealth Legislature from the Third Election District (Precinct 3) in the 2020 general election, and come January 11, 2021, was sworn in as member of the House of Representatives and served thereafter; and,

*Whereas*, on July 23, 2021, the Honorable Ivan A. Blanco passed away; and,

*Whereas*, in a letter dated August 9, 2021, the Speaker of the House of Representatives officially notified my office that “[t]he untimely passing of the Honorable Ivan A. Blanco, Precinct 3 on Friday, 23 July 2021 resulted a vacancy for Election Precinct 3 of the Third Senatorial District”; and,

*Whereas*, the term remaining in the vacant seat is greater than one-half of the two-year term and thus must be filled by a special election; and,

*Now, therefore*, I, Ralph DLG. Torres, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me as Governor by the laws of the Commonwealth, do hereby proclaim and call for a **Special Election** to be held for the purpose of electing an individual to fill the vacant seat existing in the House of Representatives for the Third Election District (Precinct 3). The Special Election shall be held on **Saturday, October 16, 2021**.

*Furthermore*, all nomination petitions for the Special Election shall be filed with the Commonwealth Election Commission on or before September 3, 2021, and the Commission shall act on the petitions on or before September 15, 2021.

*Furthermore*, the Commonwealth Election Commission shall designate and publicize the polling places for the Special Election no later than 15 days prior to the Special Election; establish all other deadlines associated with the Special Election; and cause a copy of this proclamation to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Commonwealth and to be posted in the Third Election District (Precinct 3).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.

  
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**RALPH DLG. TORRES**  
Governor