



OFFICE OF THE IOWA SECRETARY OF STATE

EMERGENCY ELECTION DIRECTIVE

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has reported an outbreak of thousands of cases of Novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) in multiple countries, causing illness and deaths; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared a national public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds issued a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency to coordinate the State of Iowa's response to this outbreak and such disaster continues to exist; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak a global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald J. Trump issued a proclamation declaring that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constitutes a national emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds issued a Proclamation of Public Health Disaster Emergency to provide additional needed resources and measures to respond to this disaster, and such public health disaster continues to exist; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, President Donald J. Trump, in coordination with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, announced is 15 Days to Slow the Spread initiative, which encourages Americans to avoid gatherings of 10 or more people.

NOW THEREFORE, I, PAUL D. PATE, Iowa Secretary of State, by the power and authority vested in me by the Iowa Code §47.1 do hereby ORDER and DIRECT the following:

Rescheduling of Special Elections

All special elections scheduled to take place before May 1, 2020 shall be rescheduled for the next available special election date, which is Tuesday, July 7, 2020.

Currently, this order impacts the following elections:

City of Cedar Falls Special Election – Black Hawk County

City of Craig Special Election – Plymouth County

Woodbury County Special Election – Woodbury County

If governing bodies call for and set a date for a special election before May 1, 2020, all additional elections will also be rescheduled for Tuesday, July 7, 2020.

Treatment of Absentee Ballot Requests

County Auditors shall still accept and fulfill absentee ballot requests for rescheduled elections.

Treatment of Outstanding and Voted Absentee Ballots

Any absentee ballot that has already been issued or received by a County Auditor shall be honored and counted in accordance with Iowa law.

Administration of Rescheduled Elections

The administration of all rescheduled special elections shall conform to Iowa law and administrative rules.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Paul D. Pate", written over a horizontal line.

Paul D. Pate, Iowa Secretary of State