STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 24-262

(Special Election – U.S. Representative, District 1)

WHEREAS, on November 13, 2024, U.S. Representative Matt Gaetz submitted a letter resigning, effective immediately, as the U.S. Representative for the First Congressional District of Florida and stating that he will not take the oath for the same office in the 119th Congress; and

WHEREAS, on November 19, 2024, the Elections Canvassing Commission certified Matt Gaetz as the winner of the election for U.S. Representative for the First Congressional District of Florida for the 119th Congress; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 114.01, Florida Statutes, a vacancy occurs upon the resignation of the office and acceptance thereof by the Governor or upon the refusal of the person elected to accept the office; and

WHEREAS, Matt Gaetz has resigned (and such resignation has been accepted) and is otherwise refusing to accept the office of U.S. Representative for the First Congressional District of Florida; and

WHEREAS, as of November 19, 2024, a vacancy has been created in the office of U.S. Representative for the First Congressional District of Florida for the 119th Congress; and

WHEREAS, section 100.101(4), Florida Statutes, provides that a vacancy in the office of member from Florida of the House of Representatives of Congress shall be filled by special election; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 100.141(1), Florida Statutes, the Governor, upon consultation with the Secretary of State, shall issue an order declaring the date the special election shall be held.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, as Governor of Florida, pursuant to my solemn constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, and pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, do hereby promulgate the following Executive Order, to take immediate effect:

Section 1. A Special Election shall be held for the office of U.S. Representative for the First Congressional District of Florida to fill the vacancy in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Section 2. A Special Primary Election shall be held on January 28, 2025.

Section 3. A Special Election shall be held on April 1, 2025, if necessary, to elect the U.S. Representative for the First Congressional District of Florida. If the Special Primary Election need not be held as scheduled, the Special Election shall be held on the date of the Special Primary Election.

Section 4. The Secretary of State shall work to implement other scheduling requirements for this special election.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, on this 22nd day of November, 2024.

RON DESANTIS, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE

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