## **PROCLAMATION**

## Covernor of the State of Texas

## TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

WHEREAS, the death of the Honorable Ron Wright has created a vacancy in the U.S. House of Representatives for the 6th Congressional District of Texas, which consists of all or parts of Ellis, Navarro, and Tarrant counties; and

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution and Section 204.021 of the Texas Election Code require that a special election be ordered upon such a vacancy, and Title 2, Section 8 of the U.S. Code requires that the date of such election be as prescribed by state law; and

WHEREAS, Section 3.003(a)(3) of the Texas Election Code requires the special election to be ordered by proclamation of the Governor; and

WHEREAS, Section 203.004(a) of the Texas Election Code provides that the special election generally must be held on the first uniform date occurring on or after the 36th day after the date the election is ordered; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 41.001 of the Texas Election Code, the first uniform election date occurring on or after the 36th day after the date the special election is ordered is Saturday, May 1, 2021;

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 Congressional District 6 on Saturday, May 1, 2021, for the purpose of electing a U.S. Representative for Congressional District 6 to serve out the unexpired term of the Honorable Ron Wright.

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 Wednesday, March 3, 2021.

Early voting by personal appearance shall begin on Monday, April 19, 2021, and end on Tuesday, April 27, 2021, in accordance with Sections 85.001(a) and (e) of the Texas Election Code.

A copy of this order shall be mailed immediately to the County Judges of all counties contained within Congressional District 6, and all appropriate writs shall be issued and all proper proceedings shall be followed to the end that said special election may be held to fill the vacancy in Congressional District 6 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

> > FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE



ATTESTED BY:

RUTH R. HUGHS Secretary of State in the City of Austin, Texas, this the 23rd day of February, 2021.

GREG ABBOTT Governor