

Executive Order No. 2018-33

WHEREAS, due to the recent death of Willie R. Davis, there presently exists a vacancy on Dorchester County Council in the office and seat representing District One; and

WHEREAS, the Dorchester County Board of Elections and Registration (“Board”) previously scheduled and noticed a special primary runoff for September 11, 2018, in connection with the election to fill the aforementioned vacancy; and

WHEREAS, the State Election Commission (“Commission”), on behalf of the Board, has advised the undersigned that the Board was unable to conduct the special primary runoff as scheduled due to the anticipated impact of Hurricane Florence and the State of Emergency, evacuation, and closure of government offices related to the same; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has advised the undersigned of the Board’s request to reschedule the special primary runoff for Tuesday, September 18, 2018, in view of the approaching general election and deadlines associated with 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 the special primary runoff in connection with the election to fill the vacancy on Dorchester County Council for the seat representing District One shall be held on Tuesday, September 18, 2018. Pursuant to section 7-13-1170 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, I designate and appoint the Board to perform the necessary official duties pertaining to the special primary runoff, in accordance with the applicable constitutional and statutory provisions, and to declare the results thereof. This Order is effective immediately.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH
CAROLINA, THIS 11th DAY OF
SEPTEMBER, 2018.**

**HENRY MCMASTER
Governor**