STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 20-124

(Emergency Management – COVID-19 - Municipal Elections in Pasco County)

WHEREAS, on April 8, 2020, at the request of the Supervisor of Elections for Pasco County to delay certain elections due to COVID-19, pursuant to section 101.733(1), Florida Statutes, I issued Executive Order 20-97 delaying the April 14, 2020 elections for the cities of San Antonio, Dade City and Zephyrhills in Pasco County; and

WHEREAS, the Supervisor of Elections for Pasco County has requested the municipal elections for the cities of San Antonio and Dade City be rescheduled to June 30, 2020 (a copy of his letter is attached); and

WHEREAS, the Supervisor of Elections for Pasco County has advised there is no longer a pending election contest in the City of Zephyrhills; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of State has consulted with the Supervisor of Election for Pasco County on rescheduling the municipal elections to June 30, 2020 (a copy of her letter is attached); and

WHEREAS, I, as Governor of Florida, have consulted with the Secretary of State regarding rescheduling the elections, as required by section 101.733(2), Florida Statutes;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, as Governor of Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article IV, Section 1(a) of the Florida Constitution, Chapter 252, Florida

Statutes, the Florida Elections Emergency Act, Sections 101.733 – 101.74, Florida Statutes, and all other applicable laws, promulgate the following Executive Order to take immediate effect:

Section 1. The municipal elections previously delayed in Executive Order 20-97 for the cities of San Antonio and Dade City in Pasco County, are hereby rescheduled for June 30, 2020.

Section 2. I direct the Supervisor of Elections for Pasco County to immediately publish notice of the rescheduled election pursuant to section 101.733(2), Florida Statutes, and take all necessary steps to ensure all voters in the cities of San Antonio, Dade City and Zephyrhills are informed about the June 30, 2020 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, this 15th day of May, 2020.

RON DESANTIS, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE

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April 27, 2020

The Honorable Ron DeSantis
Governor of Florida
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Dear Governor DeSantis:

I wanted to personally thank you for issuing Executive Order 20-97, delaying the scheduled elections for the City of Zephyrhills, City of Dade City, and City of San Antonio due to the COVID-19 pandemic. That decision protected the health and safety of the voters, poll workers, and my staff.

In accordance with Section 4 of the Executive Order 20-97, I have conferred with Secretary of State Lee and have consulted with the respective Municipal Clerks.

On behalf of the impacted municipalities and with regards to your pending action under Section 3 of Executive Order 20-97, I would respectfully request that June 30, 2020 be the date for the rescheduled municipal elections, and you enter an Executive Order reflecting same.

I greatly appreciate your timely consideration and assistance herein.

Sincerely,

Honorable Brian Corley
Supervisor of Elections
Pasco County

cc: Laurel M. Lee, Secretary of State
Maria Matthews, Esquire, Division of Election, Director
Angie Guy, Master Municipal Clerk, City of Dade City
Rick Alley, City Clerk, San Antonio

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Re: Rescheduling Pasco County Municipal Elections

Dear Governor DeSantis,

Pasco County municipal elections for the cities of Zephyrhills, Dade City, and San Antonio, previously scheduled for April 14, 2020, were delayed pursuant to section 101.733(1), Florida Statutes, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. *See* Executive Order 20-97.

Section 101.733(2), Florida Statutes, provides that the Governor, upon consultation with the Secretary of State, shall reschedule any elections suspended or delayed due to an emergency. *See* also Section 3 of Executive Order 20-97. We have consulted with Pasco County Supervisor of Elections Brian E. Corley, who has consulted with the impacted municipalities, and after doing so are recommending the elections for the cities of Dade City and San Antonio be held on June 30, 2020, as the next practicable date. Supervisor Corley advises that there is no longer a contest in the City of Zephyrhills due to a candidate being disqualified. Supervisor Corley has submitted a letter, enclosed herein.

I appreciate your consideration and am available to consult further on this matter at your convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurel M. Lee,
Florida Secretary of State

Encl.
cc: The Honorable Brian E. Corley, Pasco County Supervisor of Elections for Pasco County

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