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NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Trustees of Claude Independent School District has postponed the District's May 2, 2020 bond election until November 3, 2020. Below is a substantial copy of the Order adopted by the Board of Trustees of the District postponing the bond election. GIVEN THIS April 1, 2020. /s/ Jason Godfrey, Board Secretary, Claude Independent School District.

ORDER BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CLAUDE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE POSTPONEMENT OF ITS BOND ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN SAID DISTRICT

WHEREAS, Section 41.001(a)(2) of the Texas Election Code provides that a general or special election in the State of Texas (the "State") shall be held on a uniform election date, with the next uniform election date occurring on May 2, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor of the State (the "Governor") by Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code, the Governor certified that the novel coronavirus posed an imminent threat of disaster and declared a state of disaster for all counties in the State; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor by 418.016 of the Texas Government Code, the Governor has the express authority to suspend the provisions of any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for the conduct of State business or the orders or rules of a State agency if strict compliance with the provisions, orders, or rules would in any way prevent, hinder or delay necessary action in coping with a disaster; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor by the Constitution and the Laws of the State, the Governor issued a proclamation (the "Proclamation"), attached hereto as Exhibit A, to (i) suspend Sections 41.0052(a) and (b) of the Texas Election Code, and Section 49.103 of the Texas Water Code to the extent necessary to allow political subdivisions that would otherwise hold elections on May 2, 2020 to move their general and special elections for 2020 only to the next uniform election date of November 3, 2020, without otherwise adjusting the term of office for the directors, and (ii) to suspend Sections 31.093 and 42.0621(c) of the Texas Election Code to the extent necessary to require all county election officers, if requested by an affected political subdivision, to enter into a contract to furnish election services with any political subdivision who postponed its election to November 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Governor further proclaimed in his Proclamation that pursuant to Section 3.004 of the Texas Election Code, a political subdivision has the authority to make the decision to postpone its election until November 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the Governor issued an Executive Order prohibiting social gatherings in groups of more than 10 people; and

WHEREAS, State and local health officials have strongly recommended that people avoid mass gatherings and attempt to stay distant to avoid the spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS, the District is impacted by this state of emergency and is concerned that the emergency will impact students, parents, staff, the community and the May 2, 2020 Election; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) of Claude Independent School District (the “District”) adopted an order on February 13, 2020 calling for a bond election to be held within the District on May 2, 2020; and

WHEREAS, in light of the Governor’s March 13, 2020 declaration of disaster, the Proclamation and the Governor’s March 19, 2020 Executive Order, the Board has found and determined that it is necessary and in the best interest of the District and its citizens that it authorize by this Order to hold its bond election on November 3, 2020 (the “Postponed Election”); and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby finds and declares that the meeting at which this Order is considered is open to the public, and that the public notice of the time, place and purpose of the meeting was given, as required by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CLAUDE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Section 1. Findings. The statements contained in the preamble of this Order are true and correct and are hereby adopted as findings of fact and as a part of the operative provisions hereof.

Section 2. Election Date. The Board hereby authorizes the postponement of the District’s bond election until November 3, 2020.

Section 3. Notice of Postponement of Election. Notice of the District’s postponement of its May 2, 2020 Bond Election shall be given by (i) posting a copy of this Order, in English and Spanish, on the District’s website, prominently, not later than the twenty-first (21<sup>st</sup>) day prior to May 2, 2020, the date on which the Bond Election would have originally been held, through May 2, 2020, and (ii) posting a copy of this Order, in English and Spanish on Armstrong County’s (the “County”) website, not later than the twenty-first (21<sup>st</sup>) day prior to May 2, 2020 through May 2, 2020.

Section 4. All Applications for Ballots by Mail.

(a) All Applications for Ballots by Mail (“ABM”) for voters that are voting by mail due to being over the age of 65 or due to disability remain valid for the Postponed Election.

(b) All ABMs for voters who submitted ABMs based on expected absence from the County are NOT valid for the Postponed Election.

Section 5. Deadlines for Postponed Election. All relevant deadlines and timelines for the November 3, 2020 uniform election date shall apply to the Postponed Election, including, but not limited to, the following:

- October 5, 2020 - Voter registration deadline.

- October 23, 2020 - Deadline to submit an ABM.
- October 19, 2020 through October 30, 2020 – Days for early voting by personal appearance.

Section 6. Future Election Order. On or before August 17, 2020, the Board will consider for adoption an Amended Order of Election reflecting any changes to polling places and/or election officials, as necessary, for the Postponed Election.

Section 7. Necessary Actions. The President of the Board, the Superintendent of the District, or their designee, acting on behalf of the Board, in consultation with the District’s attorney and bond counsel, is hereby authorized and directed to take any and all actions necessary to comply with the provisions of Section 41.001(a) of the Texas Election Code and the Federal Voting Rights Act in carrying out and conducting the Election.

Section 8. Effective Date. This Order shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED the 24th day of March, 2020.

/s/ Lee Whitaker  
 Vice President, Board of Trustees  
 Claude Independent School District

ATTEST:

/s/ Jason Godfrey  
 Secretary, Board of Trustees  
 Claude Independent School District

AVISO DE POSTERGACIÓN DE ELECCIÓN

SE NOTIFICA POR EL PRESENTE que la Junta Directiva del Distrito Escolar de Claude pospuso las elección de bonos del 2 de mayo de 2020 del Distrito hasta el 3 de noviembre de 2020. A continuación aparece una copia sustancial de la Orden adoptada por la Junta de Síndicos del Distrito que posterga la elección de bonos. DADO el 1 de abril de 2010. /firma/ Jason Godfrey, Secretario de la Junta del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Claude.

ORDEN DE LA JUNTA DE SÍNDICOS DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE CLAUDE PARA AUTORIZAR LA POSTERGACIÓN DE SU ELECCIÓN DE BONOS PARA CELEBRARSE DENTRO DE DICHO DISTRITO

EN VISTA DE QUE la Sección 41.001(a)(2) del Código Electoral de Texas dispone que se celebre una elección general o especial en el Estado de Texas (el “Estado”) en una fecha de elección uniforme, la cual es el 2 de mayo de 2020; y

EN VISTA DE QUE el 13 de marzo de 2020, en conformidad con la autoridad concedida al Gobernador del Estado (el “Gobernador”) por la Sección 418.014 del Código de Gobierno de

Texas, el Gobernador certificó que el nuevo coronavirus impone una amenaza de desastre inminente y declaró un estado de desastre para todos los condados del Estado; y

EN VISTA DE QUE, en conformidad con la autoridad conferida al Gobernador por la Sección 418.016 del Código de Gobierno de Texas, el Gobernador tiene la autoridad expresa de suspender las disposiciones de cualquier estatuto reglamentario que prescriba los procedimientos para la ejecución de asuntos del Estado o las órdenes o reglamentos de una agencia del Estado si el cumplimiento estricto de las disposiciones, órdenes o reglamentos de alguna manera prevendrían, obstaculizarían o retrasarían la acción necesaria para afrontar un desastre; y

EN VISTA DE QUE el 18 de marzo de 2020, en conformidad con la autoridad concedida al Gobernador por la Constitución y las Leyes del Estado, el Gobernador emitió una proclamación (la “Proclamación”), adjunta a la presente como Anexo A, para (i) suspender las Secciones 41.0052(a) y (b) del Código Electoral de Texas, y la Sección 49.103 del Código de Agua de Texas en la medida necesaria para permitir a las subdivisiones políticas que de otra manera celebrarían elecciones el 2 de mayo de 2020, cambiar sus elecciones generales y especiales para 2020 únicamente a la próxima fecha de elección uniforme, la cual es el 3 de noviembre de 2020, sin ajustar de otra manera el término del cargo para los directores, y (ii) suspender las Secciones 31.093 y 42.0621(c) del Código Electoral de Texas en la medida necesaria para exigir que todos los funcionarios electorales de los condados, si lo solicita una subdivisión política afectada, celebren un contrato para suministrar servicios electorales con alguna subdivisión política que haya postergado su elección para el 3 de noviembre de 2020; y

EN VISTA DE QUE, el Gobernador proclamó además en su Proclamación que, en conformidad con la Sección 3.004 del Código Electoral de Texas, una subdivisión política tiene la autoridad de tomar la decisión de postergar su elección hasta el 3 de noviembre de 2020; y

EN VISTA DE QUE, el 19 de marzo de 2020 el Gobernador emitió una Orden Ejecutiva que prohíbe las reuniones sociales en grupos de más de 10 personas; y

EN VISTA DE QUE los funcionarios de salud locales y del Estado han recomendado firmemente que la gente evite reuniones masivas y que se mantenga distante para evitar la propagación del virus; y

EN VISTA DE QUE el Distrito se ve afectado por este estado de emergencia y le inquieta que la emergencia afectará a los estudiantes, padres, personas, comunidad y la Elección del 2 de mayo de 2020; y

EN VISTA DE QUE el 13 de enero de 2020 la Junta de Síndicos (la “Junta”) del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Claude (el “Distrito”) adoptó una orden para convocar una elección de bonos para celebrarse dentro del Distrito el 2 de mayo de 2020; y

EN VISTA DE QUE ante la declaración de desastre y la Proclamación del 13 de marzo de 2020 del Gobernador, y la Orden Ejecutiva del 19 de marzo de 2020 del Gobernador, la Junta halla y determina que es necesario y para el mejor interés del Distrito y de sus ciudadanos que se autorice bajo esta Orden celebrar su elección de bonos el 3 de noviembre de 2020 (la “Elección Postergada”); y

EN VISTA DE QUE por la presente la Junta halla y declara que la asamblea en la cual esta Orden es considerada está abierta al público, y que se dio aviso público de la hora, el lugar y el propósito de la asamblea, todo según lo exige el Capítulo 551 del Código de Gobierno de Texas y sus enmiendas;

AHORA, POR LO TANTO, LA JUNTA DE SÍNDICOS DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE CLAUDE ORDENA:

Section 1. Hallazgos. Las declaraciones contenidas en el preámbulo de esta Orden son verdaderas y correctas y, por la presente, se adoptan como determinaciones de hechos y como parte de las disposiciones operativas de la presente.

Section 2. Fecha de la elección. Por medio de la presente la Junta autoriza la postergación de la elección de bonos del Distrito hasta el 3 de noviembre de 2020.

Section 3. Aviso de postergación de la Elección. El aviso de la postergación de la Elección de Bonos del 2 de mayo de 2020 del Distrito se dará mediante (i) la publicación de una copia de esta Orden, en inglés y en español, en el sitio web del Distrito, de manera prominente, a más tardar el vigésimo primer (21er.) día antes del 2 de mayo de 2020, la fecha en la que originalmente se habría celebrado la Elección de Bonos, hasta el 2 de mayo de 2020, y (ii) la publicación de una copia de esta Orden, en inglés y en español, en el sitio web del Condado de Armstrong (el "Condado"), a más tardar el vigésimo primer (21er.) día antes del 2 de mayo de 2020 hasta el 2 de mayo de 2020.

Section 4. Todas las solicitudes de boletas para votar por correo.

(a) Todas las solicitudes de boletas de votación para votar por correo ("ABM") de los votantes que votan por correo postal por ser mayores de 65 años o debido a una discapacidad todavía tendrán validez para la Elección Postergada.

(b) Todas las ABM de los votantes que presentaron ABM con base en una ausencia prevista del Condado NO son válidas para la Elección Postergada.

Section 5. Fechas límite para la Elección Postergada. Todas las fechas límites y y marcos de tiempo para la fecha de elección uniforme del 3 de noviembre de 2020 se aplicarán a la Elección Postergada, incluyendo, sin limitaciones, lo siguiente:

- 5 de octubre de 2020: fecha límite de registro de votantes.
- 23 de octubre de 2020: fecha límite para presentar una ABM.
- 19 de octubre de 2020 al 30 de octubre de 2020: días para la votación anticipada en persona.

Section 6. Orden de Elección Futura. Hasta el 17 de agosto de 2020, inclusive, la Junta considerará para adopción una Orden de Elección Enmendada que refleje cualesquier cambios de las casillas electorales y/o funcionarios de la elección, según sea necesario, para la Elección Postergada.

Section 7. Medidas necesarias. Por la presente, el Presidente de la Junta, el Superintendente del Distrito, o su representante designado, actuando en nombre de la Junta, en consulta con el abogado y el asesor de bonos del Distrito, están autorizados y obligados a tomar todas y cada una de las medidas necesarias para cumplir con las disposiciones de la Sección 41.001(a) del Código Electoral de Texas y la Ley Federal de Derechos de Votación para realizar y celebrar la Elección.

Section 8. Fecha de entrada en vigencia. Esta Orden entrará en vigencia inmediatamente después de su aprobación.

ACEPTADA Y APROBADA este día 24 de marzo de 2020.

/firma/ Lee Whitaker  
Vicepresidente de la Junta de Síndicos  
Distrito Escolar Independiente de Claude

ATESTIGUA:

/firma/ Jason Godfrey  
Secretario de la Junta de Síndicos  
Distrito Escolar Independiente de Claude

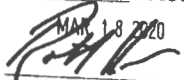
EXHIBIT A  
PROCLAMATION



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

March 18, 2020

The Honorable Ruth R. Hughs  
Secretary of State  
State Capitol Room 1E.8  
Austin, Texas 78701

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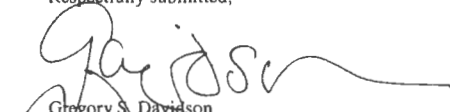
Dear Secretary Hughs:

Pursuant to his powers as Governor of the State of Texas, Greg Abbott has issued the following:

A proclamation suspending Sections 41.0052(a) and (b) of the Texas Election Code and Section 49.103 of the Texas Water Code to the extent necessary to allow political subdivisions that would otherwise hold elections on May 2, 2020, to move their general and special elections for 2020 only to the next uniform election date, occurring on November 3, 2020, without otherwise adjusting the term of office, and suspending Sections 31.093 and 42.0621(c) of the Texas Election Code to the extent necessary to require all county election officers, if requested by an affected political subdivision, to enter into a contract to furnish election services with any political subdivision who postponed their election to November 3, 2020, under the authority of this proclamation.

The original of this proclamation is attached to this letter of transmittal.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Gregory S. Davidson  
Executive Clerk to the Governor  
GSD/gsd

Attachment

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**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE  
**Governor of the State of Texas**

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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

WHEREAS, Section 41.001(a)(2) of the Texas Election Code provides that a general or special election in this state shall be held on a uniform election date, and the next uniform election date is occurring on May 2, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Section 49.103 of the Texas Water Code provides that certain districts governed by this provision are required to hold director elections in May of each even-numbered year; and

WHEREAS, Section 41.0052 of the Texas Election Code prescribes a procedure for a political subdivision to change a general election date, but the time for making such a change has expired; and

WHEREAS, Section 31.093 of the Texas Election Code requires a county elections administrator to enter into a contract to furnish election services upon request of a political subdivision; and

WHEREAS, Section 42.0621(c) of the Texas Election Code does not require a political subdivision to enter into a contract with a county or hold a joint election with a county on the November uniform election date; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of Texas certified that the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) poses an imminent threat of disaster and, under the authority vested in the Governor by Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code, declared a state of disaster for all counties in Texas; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code, the Governor has the express authority to suspend the provisions of any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for conduct of state business or the orders or rules of a state agency if strict compliance with the provisions, orders, or rules would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with a disaster.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GREG ABBOTT, Governor of Texas, under the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Texas, do hereby suspend Sections 41.0052(a) and (b) of the Texas Election Code and Section 49.103 of the Texas Water Code to the extent necessary to allow political subdivisions that would otherwise hold elections on May 2, 2020, to move their general and special elections for 2020 only to the next uniform election date, occurring on November 3, 2020, without otherwise adjusting the term of office. I further suspend Sections 31.093 and 42.0621(c) of the Texas Election Code to the extent necessary to require all county election officers, if requested by an affected political subdivision, to enter into a contract to furnish election services with any political subdivision who postponed their election to November 3, 2020, under the authority of this proclamation.

The authority ordering the election under Section 3.004 of the Texas Election Code is the authority authorized to make the decision to postpone its election in accordance with this proclamation.

Current office holders will hold over to the extent authorized by Article XVI, Section 17 of the Texas Constitution.

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MAR 18 2020





IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I  
have hereto signed my name and  
have officially caused the Seal of  
State to be affixed at my office in the  
City of Austin, Texas, this the 18th  
day of March, 2020.

Handwritten signature of Greg Abbott in cursive script.

GREG ABBOTT  
Governor of Texas

ATTESTED BY:

Handwritten signature of Ruth R. Hughs in cursive script.

RUTH R. HUGHS  
Secretary of State

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