

**ORDER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THE GAINESVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGARDING POSTPONING ELECTION DATE DUE TO COVID-19 EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (“Board”) of the Gainesville Independent School District (“District”) is authorized by Texas Education Code § 11.151 to govern and oversee the management of the public schools in the District;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas declared a statewide emergency, and, later that same day, the President of the United States declared a national emergency regarding COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the Board has a substantial public interest in protecting the health and safety of its students, staff, and community and therefore desires to ensure that the school district and community are prepared to the fullest extent possible to protect the health and safety of students, staff, and community in light of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas issued a proclamation suspending certain provisions of the Texas Election Code and the Texas Water Code to allow all local political subdivisions that are utilizing the May 2, 2020 uniform election date to postpone their election to the November 3, 2020 uniform election date.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT the Board of Trustees is exercising the authority to postpone the May 2, 2020 election date to the November 3, 2020 uniform election date.

By this **ORDER**, it is confirmed that:

1. Candidate filings for the election will remain valid for the election held on the November date and that the filing period will not be re-opened for the November election date;
2. All applications for a ballot by mail (“ABBMs”) for voters that are voting by mail due to being over the age of 65 or due to disability will still be valid for the postponed election, and that ABBMs for voters who submitted ABBMs based on expected absence from the county would not be valid for the postponed election.

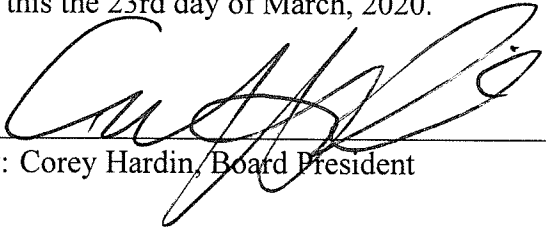
The major relevant dates for the November election are, as follows:

Voter registration deadline - October 5, 2020

Deadline to submit an ABBM - October 23, 2020

Dates for early voting - October 19, 2020 – October 30, 2020

Issued this the 23rd day of March, 2020.

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By: Corey Hardin, Board President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Marvin Royal', written over a horizontal line.

Attest: Marvin Royal, Board Secretary