



Spencer J. Cox
Governor

PROCLAMATION

2023-2S

Calling a Special Session of the Utah Legislature

WHEREAS, on June 6, 2023, United States Rep. Chris Stewart submitted an irrevocable letter of resignation to the governor stating that Rep. Stewart's final day representing the Second Congressional District of Utah is Sep. 15, 2023;

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 2 of the United States Constitution states that "[w]hen vacancies happen in the Representation from any State, the Executive Authority thereof shall issue Writs of Election to fill such Vacancies;"

WHEREAS, Utah Code § 20A-1-502.5 provides that once a United States representative submits an irrevocable letter of resignation, the governor shall issue a proclamation calling a special congressional election and setting a date for a primary special congressional election and a date for a general special congressional election;

WHEREAS, Utah Code § 20A-1-502.5 states that the governor may set a date for a primary special congressional election and a date for a general special congressional election that are different than the days specified in Utah Code § 20A-1-502.5(1)(a) if the governor calls a special session for the Legislature to appropriate money to hold the special elections;

WHEREAS, by proclamation of the governor, the primary special congressional election has been set for Tuesday, Sep. 5, 2023, and the general special congressional election has been set for Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2023;

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 6 of the Constitution of the State of Utah provides that the Governor may, by proclamation, convene the Legislature into Special Session;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Spencer J. Cox, governor of the State of Utah, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Utah Constitution and the laws of the State of Utah, do by this Proclamation call the Sixty-fifth Legislature of the State of Utah into a Second Special Session at the Utah State Capitol, in Salt Lake City, Utah, on the 14th day of June 2023, at 4 p.m., for the following specific purposes:

1. to appropriate money to conduct the elections to be held on Tuesday, Sep. 5, 2023, and Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2023;
2. to change the date of the 2023 municipal primary election from Aug. 15, 2023, to Sep. 5, 2023;

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3. to change the date of the 2023 municipal general election from Nov. 7, 2023, to Nov. 21, 2023;
4. to align canvassing deadlines for the Sep. 5, 2023, municipal primary election and the Nov. 21, 2023, municipal general election with the canvassing deadlines for the primary special congressional election and the general special congressional election;
5. to direct counties to conduct the 2023 municipal elections and the counties within the Second Congressional District of Utah to also conduct the special congressional elections;
6. to allow election officers to accept and count ballots for the municipal primary election and the primary special congressional election that are postmarked on or before Sep. 5, 2023;
7. to establish the deadline by which a voter may change the voter's political party affiliation for the Sep. 5, 2023, primary special congressional election; and
8. the Senate consenting to appointments made by the Governor.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of Utah. Done this 7th day of June 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Spencer J. Cox'.

Spencer J. Cox
Governor, State of Utah

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Deidre M. Henderson'.

Deidre M. Henderson
Lieutenant Governor, State of Utah

ATTEST: