

**VIRGINIA :**

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY**

**IN RE: A Special Election to Fill the Vacancy in            )**  
**the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court            )** Case No.: CL17001679-00  
**of the 31<sup>st</sup> Judicial Circuit of Virginia            )**

**WRIT OF ELECTION**

**THERE HAVING BEEN FILED** with the Court three separate Petitions by the Board of County Supervisors of Prince William County, by its County Attorney, the City of Manassas City Council, by its City Attorney, and the City of Manassas Park City Council, by its City Attorney, pursuant to the provisions of Virginia Code §§ 24.2-228.1 and 24.2-682, requesting this Court to issue a writ of special election to fill the vacancy in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the 31st Judicial Circuit of Virginia; and

**IT APPEARING**, and the Court so finds, that on November 3, 2015, Michele McQuigg was elected to the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the 31st Judicial Circuit of Virginia, for a term that commenced January 1, 2016 and was to expire on December 31, 2023; and

**IT FURTHER APPEARING** that on February 16, 2017, Ms. McQuigg passed away, creating an existing vacancy in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the 31st Judicial Circuit of Virginia; that the Board of County Supervisors of Prince William County, the City of Manassas City Council, and the City of Manassas Park City Council are the governing bodies of the jurisdiction in which the vacancy has occurred; and that such Petitions are in proper and lawful form; and

**IT FURTHER APPEARING** that the Board of County Supervisors of Prince William County has requested that such special election be held on April 18, 2017, that the City of Manassas City Council has also requested that such special election be held on April 18, 2017, and that the City of Manassas Park City Council has requested that such special election be held instead on the date of the next general election on November 7, 2017; and

**IT FURTHER APPEARING** that pursuant to Virginia Code § 24.2-228.1 this Writ should issue and an Order should be entered for a special election to fill the vacancy, and that pursuant to Virginia Code § 24.2-682, such a special election to fill a vacancy in any constitutional office shall be held “promptly”; it is therefore

**ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED** that the election officials of Prince William County, the City of Manassas, and the City of Manassas Park, shall open the polls for the conduct of a special election in accordance with Virginia Code §§ 24.2-228.1 and 24.2-682, and such other election laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia as may be applicable, and that such special election shall be held on April 18, 2017 for the purpose of filling the vacancy that exists in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the 31st Judicial Circuit of Virginia for the remainder of the unexpired term; and it is

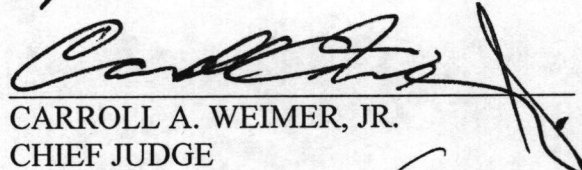
**FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED** that the candidate filing deadlines for the special election shall be in accordance with Virginia Code §§ 24.2-507 and 24.2-510; and it is

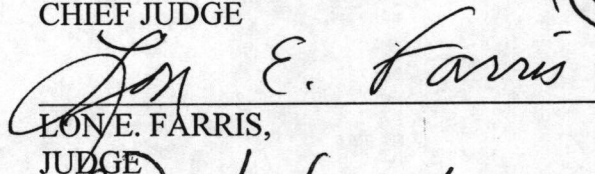
**FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED** that the election shall be conducted and the ballots counted, the returns made and canvassed, and the results thereof shall be certified in accordance with Virginia Code § 24.2-681; and be it

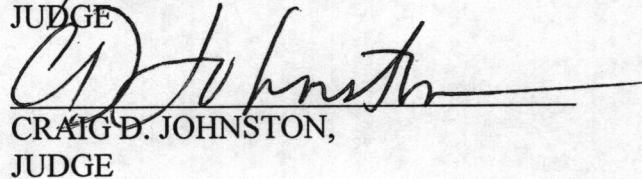
**FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED** that the Clerk of this Court shall forthwith send a certified copy of this Order to the State Board of Elections, and to the general registrars and secretaries of the of the electoral boards for Prince William County, the City of Manassas, and the City of Manassas Park; and be it

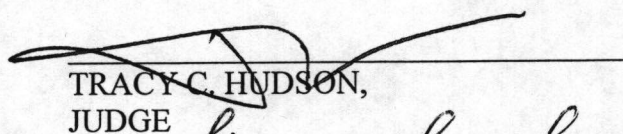
**FINALLY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED** that the general registrars for Prince William County, the City of Manassas, and the City of Manassas Park shall cause public notice of the special election to be provided in accordance with Virginia Code § 24.2-683, such notice to be preceded by the caption: "SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL THE VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 31ST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF VIRGINIA."

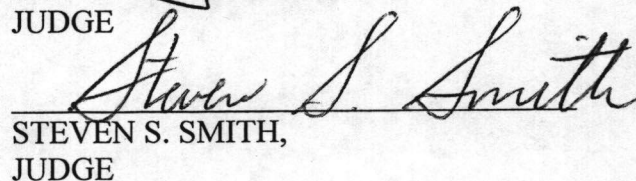
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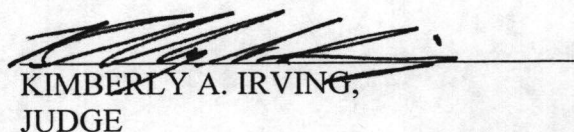
  
CARROLL A. WEIMER, JR.  
CHIEF JUDGE

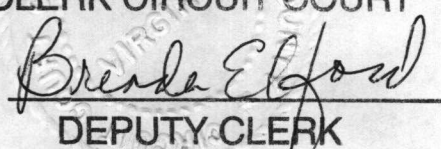
  
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JUDGE

  
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JUDGE

  
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JUDGE

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