

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO.

2026-01

WHEREAS, by letter of December 17, 2025, a copy of which is attached hereto, the Town of Greeleyville, through its attorney, has advised the undersigned that a vacancy exists on the Town Council for the Town of Greeleyville, and the Town of Greeleyville “did not post the vacancy in accordance with the statute”; and

WHEREAS, section 5-7-200(b) of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, provides that “[a] vacancy in the office of mayor or council shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term at the next regular election or at a special election if the vacancy occurs one hundred eighty days or more prior to the next general election”; and

WHEREAS, the Town has advised the undersigned that, following the vacancy, the filing period provided by section 7-13-190(C) of the South Carolina Code of Laws was not initiated within the established timeframe, and therefore, the election cannot be held in conformity with the statutory schedule; and

WHEREAS, the Town has requested that the undersigned set a special election to fill the vacancy for April 7, 2026, to coincide with Greeleyville’s regularly scheduled municipal election; and

WHEREAS, section 7-13-1170 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, provides as follows: “When any election official of any political subdivision of this State charged with ordering, providing for, or holding an election has neglected, failed, or refused to order, provide for, or hold the election at the time appointed, or if for any reason the election is declared void by competent authority, and these facts are made to appear to the satisfaction of the Governor, he shall, should the law not otherwise provide for this contingency, order an election or a new election to be held at the time and place, and upon the notice being given which to him appears adequate to insure the will of the electorate being fairly expressed. To that end, he may designate the existing election official or other person as he may appoint to perform the necessary official duties pertaining to the election and to declare the result.”

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of South Carolina and pursuant to the Constitution and Laws of this State and the powers conferred upon me therein, I hereby Order that a special election shall be held on April 7, 2026, to fill the aforementioned vacancy on the Town Council for the Town of Greeleyville. Pursuant to section 7-13-1170 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, I designate and appoint the Greeleyville Municipal Election Commission to perform the necessary official duties pertaining to the special election, in accordance with the applicable constitutional and statutory provisions, and to declare the results thereof. To qualify as a candidate to run in the special election, all candidates must file with the Board a statement of intention of candidacy, and submit any applicable filing fees, between noon on Friday, January 23, 2026, and noon on Monday, February 2, 2026. This Order is effective immediately.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF
SOUTH CAROLINA, THIS 13th DAY OF
JANUARY, 2026.**

HENRY DARGAN MCMASTER
Governor

ATTEST:

MARK HAMMOND
Secretary of State