State of Louisiana

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION NUMBER 130 JBE 2016

SPECIAL ELECTION – COUNCIL MEMBER, TOWN OF MELVILLE, PARISH OF ST. LANDRY

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the office of Council Member, Town of Melville, Parish of St. Landry, due to the fact that no one qualified for the office during the qualifying period for the November 8, 2016 special election; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statutes 18:583 and 18:602 authorize the Governor to call a special election to fill the vacancy in an office of a member of a parish or municipal governing authority when more than eighteen (18) months of the term remain unexpired in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:602 and/or the dates for elections set forth in La. R.S. 18:402.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JOHN BEL EDWARDS, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: A special primary and general election shall be held throughout the jurisdiction of the Town of Melville, Parish of St. Landry, for the purpose of electing a council member to fill the vacancy in the office.

SECTION 2: Any qualified person desiring to become a candidate shall file a notice of candidacy, accompanied either by a qualifying fee or a nominating petition, as required or authorized by law, with the appropriate election official in the manner and form and under the procedures and conditions provided by La. R.S. 18:461 *et seq.*, and all other applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, La. R.S. 18:1 *et seq.*, during the period commencing Wednesday, January 11, 2017, and ending at 4:30 p.m. Friday, January 13, 2017.

SECTION 3: The special election shall be held and conducted under the applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, La. R.S. 18:1 *et seq.*

SECTION 4: The primary election shall be held on Saturday, March 25, 2017, and the general election shall be held on Saturday, April 29, 2017, at the times and places and in the manner prescribed by law.

SECTION 5: The Secretary of State, Commissioner of Elections, Parish Board of Election Supervisors, Clerk of Court, Registrar of Voters, and all other persons charged with any power, function, right, duty or responsibility in conducting elections in the jurisdiction of the Town of Melville, Parish of St. Landry, are hereby authorized, requested, directed and empowered to exercise every lawful function and to do every act necessary to conduct the special election, to cause the returns to be made, to canvass and promulgate the results, and to perform all related and incidental functions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 13th day of September, 2016.

GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE