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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Ordering a Congressional Vacancy Election in the Fourth Congressional District of Colorado

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor of the State of Colorado and, in particular, pursuant to Article I, Section 2, Clause 4, of the United States Constitution, Article IV, Section 2 of the Colorado Constitution, and the relevant portions of Colorado law governing congressional vacancy elections, C.R.S. § 1-4-401, *et seq.*, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order ordering a congressional vacancy election in the Fourth Congressional District of Colorado to be held on June 25, 2024.

I. Background and Purpose

The Honorable Ken Buck, the duly-elected representative of the Fourth Congressional District of the State of Colorado to the House of Representatives of the United States Congress, has tendered his resignation from office, effective as of March 22, 2024. As his current term ends on January 3, 2025, his resignation creates a vacancy in the office of the representative of the Fourth Congressional District of Colorado.

The United States Constitution provides that when a vacancy occurs in the representation from any state, the executive authority shall issue a writ of election to fill such vacancy. U.S. Const. Article I, Section 2, Clause 4. Pursuant to the United States Constitution, the Colorado Constitution, and the Colorado Revised Statutes, authority is vested in the Governor to call a congressional vacancy election to fill the vacancy in the office of representative to the United States Congress and to set a day to hold an election to fill the vacancy. As Colorado law requires the date of the congressional vacancy election to be set no less than 85 days and no more than 100 days after the date the vacancy occurs, I am ordering that the congressional vacancy election shall be held on the already scheduled state primary election day of June 25, 2024. This also avoids costly duplication and facilitates maximum voter participation.

II. Declarations and Directives

I order a congressional vacancy election to be held on June 25, 2024, at which time the voters of the Fourth Congressional District of Colorado shall elect a representative to the House of Representatives of the United States Congress to fill the unexpired term of Representative Ken Buck. Such election shall be conducted pursuant to the laws of the State of Colorado.



GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State of
Colorado this twenty-third
day of March, 2024.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Jared Polis", is written over a faint, rectangular white stamp.

Jared Polis
Governor