

**ORDER POSTPONING MAY 2, 2020
GENERAL TRUSTEE ELECTION**

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF MOORE §
SUNRAY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT §

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Sunray Independent School District (the “District” or “Sunray ISD”) held an emergency meeting on March 19, 2020, for the purpose of postponing its general trustee election to be conducted on May 2, 2020, a uniform election date (the “Election”), and that said meeting was open to the public, and public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given, all as required by the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, and as authorized by the Governor; and

WHEREAS, the District was made aware on March 11, 2020, that the World Health Organization declared the spread of the novel coronavirus (“COVID-19”) a global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States on March 13, 2020, issued a proclamation declaring a “National Emergency Concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak”; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Texas on March 13, 2020, certified that COVID-19 posed an imminent threat of disaster, and in accordance with the authority vested in the Governor by Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code, the Governor declared a state of disaster for all counties in Texas (the “Disaster Declaration”); and

WHEREAS, the State of Texas is currently in a state of emergency due to the rapid spread of COVID-19, a novel coronavirus, which has resulted in widespread business closures and limited government operations; and

WHEREAS, state and local health officials have strongly recommended that people avoid mass gatherings and attempt to stay distant to avoid the spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS, the District is impacted by this state of emergency and is concerned that the emergency will impact students, parents, staff, the community and the Election; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, the Governor of Texas issued a proclamation suspending the operation of section 41.0052 of the Texas Election Code and permitting local political subdivisions to postpone an election called for the May 2, 2020 uniform election date to the November 3, 2020 uniform election date (the “Proclamation”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the District believes it is in the best interest of the District and the citizens residing within its boundary to postpone the Election to the November 3, 2020 uniform election date (“Postponed Election”); and

WHEREAS, the District wishes to exercise its authority pursuant to the Proclamation.

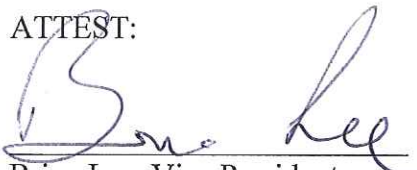
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE DISTRICT:

1. The statements contained in the preamble of this Order are true and correct and adopted as findings of fact and operative provisions hereof.
2. The Election originally called to occur on May 2, 2020 is hereby postponed to the November 3, 2020 uniform election date.
3. The candidate filings for the Election will remain valid for the Postponed Election, and the filing period will not be re-opened for the Postponed Election.
4. All Applications for Ballots by Mail ("ABM") for voters that are voting by mail due to being over the age of 65 or due to disability remain valid for the Postponed Election.
5. All ABMs for voters who submitted ABMs based on expected absence from the County are NOT valid for the Postponed Election.
6. Trustees who currently hold public offices that are scheduled to be on the ballot for the Election will continue to exercise their duties until new officers, if elected, take their oaths of office following the Postponed Election.
7. On or before August 17, 2020, the Board will Order an Amended Order of Election reflecting any changes to polling places and/or election officials, as necessary, for the Postponed Election.
8. All relevant deadlines and timelines for the November 4, 2020 uniform election date shall apply to the Postponed Election, including, but not limited to, the following:
 - October 5, 2020 - Voter registration deadline.
 - October 23, 2020 - Deadline to submit an ABM.
 - October 19, 2020 through October 30, 2020 – Days for early voting by personal appearance.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 19th day of March, 2020.


Scott Peeples, President

ATTEST:


Brian Lee, Vice President