

STATE OF MINNESOTA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT



MARK DAYTON
GOVERNOR

WRIT OF SPECIAL ELECTION

**WRIT OF SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL A VACANCY
IN THE OFFICE OF STATE SENATOR
FOR SENATE DISTRICT 20 IN BIG STONE, CHIPPEWA, LAC QUI PARLE, LINCOLN,
RENVILLE, SWIFT, AND YELLOW MEDICINE COUNTIES
AND OF A SPECIAL
PRIMARY TO NOMINATE CANDIDATES
FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION**

To the People of the State of Minnesota, and particularly of Senate District 20 in Big Stone, Chippewa, Lac qui Parle, Lincoln, Renville, Swift, and Yellow Medicine Counties; to the Secretary of State of Minnesota; to the auditors of Big Stone, Chippewa, Lac qui Parle, Lincoln, Renville, Swift, and Yellow Medicine Counties; to all election officials in Senate District 20; and to all others who may be concerned.

Whereas, there is a vacancy in the office of State Senator for Senate District 20 of the State of Minnesota, caused by the death of Senator Gary Kubly on Friday, March 2, 2012; and

Whereas, a special election is necessary to fill this vacancy to ensure representation for the citizens of Senate District 20.

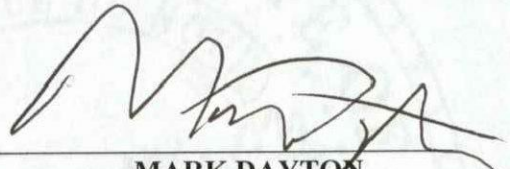
Now, Therefore, I, Mark Dayton, as Governor of the State of Minnesota, acting under the authority and direction vested in me by the Minnesota Constitution, Article IV, Section 4, Minnesota Statutes 2010, Sections 204D.17 to 204D.27, 351.01, 351.02, 351.055, and other relevant statutes, do hereby direct that:

1. A special election to fill the vacancy will be held in Senate District 20 on Tuesday, April 10, 2012.
2. A special primary, if necessary, for the nomination of candidates for the office of State Senator for Senate District 20 will be held on Tuesday, March 27, 2012.

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3. Affidavits of candidacy and nominating petitions for Senate District 20 must be filed with the Secretary of State or the county auditor of the county in which the candidate resides from Thursday, March 8, 2012, until 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 13, 2012.
4. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2010, Section 204D.23, subd. 5, affidavits of withdrawal for Senate District 20 may be filed with the same official who received the affidavit of candidacy until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 14, 2012.
5. Notices of this special election and special primary must be given, the nomination and election of candidates must be conducted, and all things pertaining thereto must be done as provided by Minnesota Statutes 2010, Sections 204D.17 to 204D.27, and other applicable law.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand at the Capitol, in the City of Saint Paul, County of Ramsey, State of Minnesota, on March 7, 2012.



MARK DAYTON
Governor

Filed in Accordance with Law:



MARK RITCHIE
Secretary of State

