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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER

IN RE: PETITION FOR WRIT OF ELECTION PURSUANT TO VA. CODE § 24.2-228.1(A) TO FILL A CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICER VACANCY

WRIT OF ELECTION

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition of the Gloucester County Board of Supervisors requesting that this Court issue a Writ of Election pursuant to Va. Code § 24.2-228.1(A). It appearing to the Court from the Petition that Cathy L. Dale was elected at the general election held on November 7, 2023 to serve an eight-year term as Clerk of the Circuit Court commencing January 1, 2024, and that Cathy L. Dale has now retired, creating a vacancy in the Office of the Clerk; that Gloria Owens has been sworn in by this Court to perform the duties of the Clerk of the Circuit Court until the vacancy is filled by election; that special elections may not be held on the date of a primary election under Va. Code § 24.2-682; and that no elections are scheduled in Gloucester County until the next general election scheduled for November 3, 2026.

THEREFORE, based upon the representations of the Board of Supervisors set forth in its Petition and the authority vested in this Court pursuant to Va. Code § 24.2-228.1(A), it is ORDERED that a Writ of Election be, and it is hereby, issued directing the Secretary of the Gloucester County Electoral Board, the Director of Elections and General Registrar of Gloucester County, and all other appropriate officials, as necessary, to proceed to cause, under Va. Code § 24.2-683, public notice to be given of, and do all things necessary and proper for, the election to be held November 3, 2026, of an individual to hold the office of Clerk of the Circuit Court for the unexpired term of the regularly elected predecessor in office, namely, through December 31, 2031. The Director of Elections and General Registrar shall post a copy of the writ on the official website for the County.

The Clerk shall forward attested copies of the Writ of Election to the Secretary of the Electoral Board of Gloucester County, to the Director of Elections and General Registrar of Gloucester County, to the Secretary of the State Board of Elections, to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, and to counsel.

I ASK FOR THIS:


Edwin N. Wilmot, County Attorney

ENTER: 1-2-2024
Jeffrey W. Shaw
Judge

I certify that the document(s) to which this authentication is affixed are true copies of a record in the Gloucester County Circuit Court, that I have custody of the record and that I am the custodian of that record.

Gloria J. Owens, Clerk

By  D. Clerk