ORDER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GAINESVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT REGARDING CANCELLATION OF BOND ELECTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees ("Board") of the Gainesville Independent School District ("District") is authorized by Texas Education Code § 11.151 to govern and oversee the management of the public schools in the District;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 418.018, Texas Government Code, the Governor issued a proclamation on March 13, 2020 declaring a statewide emergency, and, later that same day, the President of the United States declared a national emergency regarding COVID-19;

WHEREAS the Board has previously approved that certain Order Calling Bond Election ("Bond Election Order") calling an election to be held within the boundaries of the District on May 2, 2020 ("Election"); and

WHEREAS, the public health risks posed by Coronavirus Disease 2019 ("COVID-19") resulted in the closure of schools and businesses and numerous governmental decrees restricting and prohibiting public gatherings statewide and such closures, restrictions and prohibitions were reasonably anticipated to interfere with the Election; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 418.016, Texas Government Code, the Governor issued a proclamation on March 18, 2020 suspending certain provisions of the Texas Election Code to allow all local political subdivisions utilizing the May 2, 2020 uniform election date to postpone their elections to the November 3, 2020 uniform election date (collectively with the proclamation issued on March 13, 2020, "Proclamation"); and

WHEREAS, in response to the Proclamation, the Texas Secretary of State provided guidance to election officials advising and ultimately directing election officials to postpone all May 2, 2020 elections; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Proclamation and the Secretary of State's advisories, on March 23, 2020, the Board approved that certain Order Regarding Postponing Election Date Due to COVID-19 Emergency ("Postponement Order"), which postponed the Election until the November 3, 2020 uniform election date; and

WHEREAS, the Board has now determined that the adversity, economic disruption, and turmoil caused by COVID-19 and the related measures implemented by national, state and local governmental authorities, business organizations and other stakeholders in response to COVID-19 are expected to endure for many months and throughout the remainder of this year and beyond, resulting in (i) unknown operational and financial challenges in the nation, the State and the District and (ii) changes to the manner in which the District provides educational services to students and the means, resources and facilities required by the District to discharge its educational purpose, and

WHEREAS, regardless of the outcome of the Election, District staff and the Board are unable to accurately determine the impact of COVID-19 on the District's future needs for bond-financed improvements and, accordingly, regardless of the outcome of the Election, neither District staff nor the Board can reasonably conclude that the projects identified for financing through

the issuance of bonds contemplated by the Election are in the District's best interest and, therefore, the District is unable to proceed with such projects; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2.081, Texas Election Code, the Board hereby finds and determines that the measure to be presented to voters in the Election has been rendered moot by virtue of the inability of District staff and the Board to reasonably determine the District's future needs for bond-financed improvements, and such measure should be removed from the ballot for the Election.

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

Section 1. The Board of Trustees is exercising the authority to declare that the measure to be submitted to voters at the Election (consisting of Proposition A) has been rendered moot, and, because such measure was the only measure to be presented to voters in the Election, the Election is hereby cancelled, and all proceedings and actions to date with respect to such Election shall be of no force or effect.

Section 2. The Board further authorizes and directs the Superintendent and the President and Secretary of the Board to take any and all necessary action contemplated by this Order to facilitate the cancellation of the Election, including posting notice of the cancellation of the Election on the District's website, notifying the appropriate county election officer and providing any other notice deemed appropriate in connection with the cancellation.

Issued this the 24th day of August, 2020,

By: Corey Hardin, Board President

Attest: Marvin Royal, Board Secretary