

**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 REPRESENTATIVE
FOR HOUSE DISTRICT 14A IN STEARNS COUNTY
AND OF A SPECIAL
PRIMARY TO NOMINATE CANDIDATES
FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION**

To the People of the State of Minnesota, and particularly of House District 14A in Stearns County; to the Secretary of State of Minnesota; to the auditor of Stearns County; to all election officials in House District 14A; and to all others who may be concerned.

Whereas, there is a vacancy in the office of State Representative for House District 14A of the State of Minnesota, caused by the resignation of Representative Steve Gottwalt, effective January 7, 2013; and

Whereas, a special election is necessary to fill this vacancy to ensure representation for the citizens of House District 14A.

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 2012, 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 House District 14A on Tuesday, February 12, 2013.
2. A special primary, if necessary, for the nomination of candidates for the office of State Representative for House District 14A will be held on Tuesday, January 29, 2013.
3. Affidavits of candidacy and nominating petitions for House District 14A must be filed with the Secretary of State or the county auditor of Stearns County from Wednesday, January 9, 2013 until 5 p.m. on Tuesday, January 15, 2013.

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4. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 204D.23, subd. 5, affidavits of withdrawal for House District 14A may be filed with the same official who received the affidavit of candidacy until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 16, 2013.
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 2012, 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 January 8, 2013.



MARK DAYTON
Governor

Filed in Accordance with Law:



MARK RITCHIE
Secretary of State

