

No. 425



REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE
WRIT OF ELECTION

[section 19]

BELIZE:



By Her Excellency, Dame Froyla Tzalam,
G.C.M.G.
GOVERNOR-GENERAL

(FROYLA TZALAM)
Governor General

To the Returning Officer of the Electoral Division of-

TOLEDO EAST

(through the Elections and Boundaries Commission)

WHEREAS, by section 19 of the Representation of the People Act, Chapter 9 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2020, it is provided that for the purposes of every general election of members of the House of Representatives and for the purposes of the election of members to fill vacancies caused by death, resignation or otherwise, the Governor-General shall issue writs under the Public Seal of Belize, addressed to the Returning Officers of the respective electoral divisions for which members are to be returned;

AND WHEREAS, the seat of the member for the Electoral Division of Toledo East has become vacant in consequence of the death of Hon. Michael Espat;

AND WHEREAS, section 85 (3)(a) of the Belize Constitution provides that where the seat of a member of the House of Representatives or a Senator falls vacant otherwise than by reason of a dissolution of the National Assembly, if the vacant seat is that of a member of the House, a by-election shall be held to fill the vacancy within three months of the occurrence of the vacancy unless the National Assembly is sooner dissolved;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FROYLA TZALAM, Dame Grand Cross of Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, **Governor-General**, in exercise of the powers vested in me by the aforesaid section 19 of the Representation of the People Act and all powers thereunto me enabling, do hereby appoint the 2 day of July, 2024, as the day and Punta Gorda Magistrate's Court as the place of nomination of candidates and do hereby require that notice of the time and place fixed for the nomination of candidates having been first duly given as required by law, you do, if necessary, cause a poll to be taken according to law for the election of a member of the House of Representatives of Belize on the 17 day of July, 2024, and that you do cause the name of such member when so elected to be certified to me not later than the 18 day of July, 2024.

GIVEN under my hand and the Public Seal of Belize this 14 day of June in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty Four.