

**RESOLUTION  
R160-10/11**

**A RESOLUTION TO SET THE DATE FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION AND TO  
REQUEST THE CITY ATTORNEY TO SEEK PRE-CLEARANCE FROM THE  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

**WHEREAS**, Councilwoman Dr. Newton has resigned from her position as councilmember for ward three and on January 11, 2011, the Selma City Council declared the council seat vacant and is proceeding to fill the same in accordance with the laws of the State of Alabama; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to §11-43-41, vacancies shall be filled by the council at the next regular meeting or any subsequent meeting of the council, the person so elected to hold for the unexpired term; and

**WHEREAS**, if the council fails to appoint and the vacancy has existed for more than 60 days, with more than six months remaining in the term, the mayor shall call for a special election to fill the vacancy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Selma City Council on November 23, 2010 officially polled the council members as to whether they desired an election or an appointment to fill the ward 3 seat and it was the consensus of the council with a majority vote of the council members present, with one nay vote by Councilwoman Crenshaw, to have an election to fill the vacancy in ward 3; and

**WHEREAS**, the Selma City Council on December 14, 2010 did take a vote to set the date for the election on May 24, 2011 and the same was approved by a majority vote of the city council members present; and

**WHEREAS**, the Selma City Council hereby directs the City Attorney to seek pre-clearance from the United States Department of Justice for holding a special municipal election on Tuesday, May 24, 2011 and if necessary, a run-off on Tuesday, July 5, 2011 for the purpose of filling the vacancy in ward 3.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELMA, ALABAMA** that the City Council sets May 24, 2011 as the date to hold a special election for the purpose of filling the vacancy in ward 3.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Selma City Council hereby directs the City Attorney to seek pre-clearance from the United States Department of Justice for holding a special municipal election on Tuesday, May 24, 2011 and if necessary, a run-off on Tuesday, July 5, 2011 for the purpose of filling the vacancy in ward 3.

**ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELMA, ALABAMA**, on this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2011.



Dr. Cecil Williamson, President

ATTEST:



Ivy Harrison, City Clerk

APPROVED:



George P. Evans, Mayor