

PROCLAMATION

by

HIS EXCELLENCY, THE HONOURABLE EMMERSON DAMBUDZO MNANGAGWA, G.C.Z.M., President of the Republic of Zimbabwe and Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Forces of Zimbabwe.

WHEREAS, section 159 of the Constitution provides that wherever a vacancy occurs in any elective public office established in terms of this Constitution, other than an office to which section 158 applies, the authority charged with organising elections to that body must cause an election to be held within ninety days to fill the vacancy;

AND WHEREAS the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission has been notified of a vacancy in the Senate and the National Council of Chiefs due to the death of Senator Chief Makumbe (Shepherd Gundu Chengeta) who was elected by the Provincial Assembly of Chiefs for Manicaland Province to sit in both the Senate and the National Council of Chiefs;

AND WHEREAS section 37(5) of the Traditional Leaders Act [*Chapter 29:17*] provides that where any chief ceases for any reason to be a member of the National Council of Chiefs before the next elections are due to take place, the provincial assembly that elected such chief to the Council shall elect another chief from among its members to fill the vacancy created;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed necessary that in compliance with the provisions of section 159 of the Constitution, the provisions of section 37(5) of the Traditional Leaders Act be applied in relation to the filling of the vacancy created in the Senate among the Senator Chief members and that the provisions of Part X of the Electoral Act [*Chapter 2:13*] be applied, with any changes that may be necessary, to the filling of said vacancy:

NOW, THEREFORE, under and by virtue of the powers vested in the President, I do, by this proclamation order that—

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- (a) for the purposes of filling the vacancy created in the Council of Chiefs, determine that the Provincial Assembly of Chiefs for Manicaland Province shall be convened on 24th July, 2024, at the Chiefs' Hall, Mutare, at 10 o'clock in the morning for the purpose of electing another chief from among its members to fill the vacancy created in the Council of Chiefs; and
- (b) for the purposes of filling the vacancy created in the Senate, determine that the electoral college constituted by the Provincial Assembly of Chiefs for Manicaland Province shall be convened on 24th July, 2024, at the Chiefs' Hall, Mutare, at 10 o'clock in the morning for the purpose of electing another chief from among its members to fill the vacancy created in the Senate.

Given under my hand and the Public Seal of Zimbabwe at Harare this seventh day of June, in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-four.

E. D. MNANGAGWA,
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