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TO: All Permanently Licensed Physicians in South Carolina Residing in Congressional District Three

FROM: Bruce Duke, Board Administrator

SUBJECT: **NOTICE OF A SPECIAL ELECTION**

This letter serves to announce a vacancy in the Third Congressional District on the State Board of Medical Examiners. The winner of this election will serve a term that begins January 1, 2010 and ends January 2, 2014. At that time, the seat will be up for election for a new four-year term.

Please be reminded that only permanently licensed physicians **residing** in the Third Congressional District are eligible to run for this seat. In addition, only physicians who are active and practicing in their profession in South Carolina are eligible to run for this seat. A retired physician is ineligible.

Physicians wishing to run for this seat must submit a written petition signed by not less than fifty (50) permanently licensed physicians who reside in the Third District. Petition signatures are valid only on an official petition form which may be obtained from the Board or downloaded from the Board's website. Contact Melissa Fulton at the Board Office at (803) 896-4502 for an official petition or go to www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/medical and click on the appropriate petition form.

Petitions must be received by the Board within thirty-five (35) days of the date of this notice. **Petitions received in the Board's office after October 1, 2009 will not be considered.**

If only one candidate for a particular seat submits the required number of petition signatures, that physician will be declared the winner. If more than one candidate submits the required petition signatures in a district, ballots will be prepared and mailed to every qualified voter in that District.

The candidate receiving the majority of the ballots cast shall be declared the winner. If none receives a majority, the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall have a run-off election.