Proclamation

by

Steven L. Beshear
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky

To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 230 of the Kentucky Constitution, KRS 48.300 and KRS 48.950, the General Assembly is empowered to raise and appropriate revenue and approve and adopt a balanced budget for the operation, maintenance, support and functioning of the Government of the Commonwealth of Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, the Regular Session of the General Assembly convened on January 5, 2010 and adjourned *sine die* on April 15, 2010 without enacting a biennial budget for the Executive Branch of Government for the Commonwealth of Kentucky for the biennium beginning July 1, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the absence of a comprehensive appropriation measure to govern fiscal policy for the Executive Branch imperils the health, safety and welfare of the Commonwealth, creating an emergency and requiring action by the Governor; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth availed itself of loans from the federal government to pay unemployment benefits to workers devastated by the national economic downturn and a task force of business, labor and government representatives, who worked for several months, reached a consensus on a solution that shares responsibility for the growing deficit in the state unemployment insurance system which will save Kentucky employers money and comprehensively reform the state unemployment insurance system; and

WHEREAS, the permanent expansion of the sampling law currently authorized under Chapter 243 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes can have a significant positive impact on Kentucky's convention and tourism industry:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Steven L. Beshear, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, pursuant to the power vested in me by Section 80 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby issue this proclamation, convening the General Assembly of Kentucky in Extraordinary Session at the Seat of Government, Frankfort, Kentucky, at 12:00 noon, Eastern Daylight Savings Time, Monday, May 24, 2010, for the purpose of considering the following subjects:

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1. The enactment of legislation relating to appropriations and revenue measures providing financing and conditions for the operation, maintenance, support, and functioning of the Executive Branch of the government of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and its various officers, cabinets, departments, boards, commissions, institutions, subdivisions, agencies, and other state supported activities.

2. The enactment of legislation pursuant to KRS 48.300 to adopt the Biennial Highway Construction Plan and pursuant to KRS 176.430 to adopt the Six Year Road Plan for the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

3. The enactment of legislation relating to revenue and taxation necessary to support the biennial branch budgets for the Commonwealth of Kentucky for fiscal years 2010 through 2012 and thereafter.

4. The enactment of legislation relating to the state's unemployment insurance system.

5. The enactment of legislation for the permanent expansion of the sampling law under Chapter 243 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes.

6. Amending or repealing various provisions of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, limited only to those specifically necessary to implement the subjects and provisions of this proclamation.

7 Declaring an emergency thereby making any legislation enacted pursuant to this proclamation effective upon the signature of the Governor.

8. Under the authority of Section 80 of the Kentucky Constitution and *Stickler v. Higgins*, 106 S.W. 2d 1008 (Ky. 1937), the provisions of this Proclamation and the designated subjects to be considered by the General Assembly, may be amended hereafter to include additional specific subjects to be considered by the General Assembly.

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DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort, this the 20th day of May, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Ten and in the year of the Commonwealth Two Hundred and Eighteen.

STEVEN L. BESHEAR
Governor

TREY GRAYSON
Secretary of State