Proclamation

by

Steven L. Beshear
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky

To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

WHEREAS, there is a worsening budget crisis and immediate action needs to be taken to ensure the financial stability of the Commonwealth and to protect vital public services, including the education of our children, health care for our most vulnerable citizens and public safety; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth is facing an unprecedented financial challenge when the state fiscal year ends on June 30, 2009, and the new year begins on July 1, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Consensus Forecasting Group issued an official revision to revenue estimates on May 29, 2009, finding that the state general fund will have a shortfall of $996 million and the road fund will have a shortfall of $239 million for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2009, representing a shortfall of 10.7% of the general fund and 17.0% of the road fund; and

WHEREAS, 2009 HB 143, 2009 HB 536 and 2009 HB 423 provide that any revenue shortfall in the general fund or road fund of greater than five (5%) shall require action by the General Assembly to balance the Fiscal Year 2009 - 2010 budget ; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Commonwealth to take immediate action upon these matters;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the power vested in me by Section 80 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, I, Steven L. Beshear, Governor 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 Time, Monday, June 15, 2009, for the sole purpose of considering the following subjects:

1. Amending the Fiscal Year 2009 – 2010 General Fund and Road Fund Budget Reduction Plans, and amending or adjusting appropriations and provisions in the budgets for Fiscal Year 2009 – 2010 for the Executive, Judicial and Legislative branches of government.

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

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

4. 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.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort, this the 3rd day of June, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Nine and in the year of the Commonwealth Two Hundred and Seventeen.

STEVEN L. BESHEAR
Governor

TREY GRAYSON
Secretary of State