



**A PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR:**

**WHEREAS**, Section 9 of Article V of the Constitution of the State of Nevada provides that, "The Governor may on extraordinary occasions, convene the Legislature by Proclamation and shall state to both houses when organized, the purpose for which they have been convened, and the Legislature shall transact no legislative business, except that for which they were specifically convened, or such other legislative business as the Governor may call to the attention of the Legislature while in Session"; and

**WHEREAS**, the general fund revenue shortfall for the current biennium far exceeds any other revenue shortfall in the State's history; and

**WHEREAS**, general fund revenues for the current biennium are projected to come in less than the amounts appropriated by the Legislature at its Seventy-Fifth Session; and

**WHEREAS**, the Economic Forum was convened on January 22, 2010, and the economic projections from that body, in addition to decreases in other general fund revenues and increased caseload requirements, establish that the total general fund revenues for the current biennium will continue to decrease, and will be at least \$887 million less than the total general funds appropriated by the Legislature for this biennium; and

**WHEREAS**, believing that fiscally responsible reductions to the State's spending can be made so that spending does not exceed projected revenues; and

**WHEREAS**, Nevada is now facing the worst economic crisis in the State's history; and

**WHEREAS**, believing that an extraordinary occasion exists which requires immediate action by the Legislature;

**NOW THEREFORE, I, JIM GIBBONS, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA**, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the State of Nevada, do hereby convene the Legislature into a Special Session to begin at 9:00 a.m., on February 23, 2010.

During this Special Session, I ask the Legislature to consider the following:

1. Reducing the general fund appropriations made to fund the State's government operations from the Seventy-Fifth Session of the Legislature;
2. Transferring to the general fund certain amounts in non-general fund accounts, including but not limited to:
  - a. Healthy Nevada Fund;
  - b. Public Health Trust Fund;
  - c. Millennium Scholarship Fund;

- d. Special Capital Construction Fund for Higher Education;
  - e. Interim Finance Committee Contingency Fund;
  - f. Commission on Minerals Bond Reclamation Account;
  - g. Commission on Minerals Cash Pooled Bond Investments;
  - h. Insurance Insolvency Fund;
  - i. Disaster Relief Account;
  - j. Self-Insured Association Insolvency;
  - k. Common Interest Communities;
  - l. Rainy Day Fund;
  - m. Bond Interest and Redemption Account;
  - n. Public Utilities Commission;
  - o. Home Owners Disaster Relief Account;
  - p. Insurance Education and Research;
  - q. Pollution Control Account;
  - r. Emergency Assistance Subaccount;
  - s. Tort Claims Fund;
  - t. Dairy Commission;
  - u. Employment Security Special Fund;
  - v. Financial Institutions Audit;
  - w. Prison Industries Capital Projects;
  - x. Department of Taxation Bonds; and
  - y. Nevada Department of Wildlife Heritage Account;
3. Increasing the number of furlough hours to 10 per month, providing for 10-hour work days and closing State offices 1 day a week where applicable;
  4. Revising sections of NRS which require State and local governments to provide certain hours of operation to allow for flexibility without sacrificing vital services to the public;
  5. Revising provisions of NRS to allow issuance of administrative assessments to owners of automobiles operating in the State without valid insurance and registration captured through license plate readers and confirmed by an insurance and registration verification system;
  6. Providing flexibility for the Department of Health and Human Services to transfer funds among various accounts in the same manner and limits as allowed for work programs under NRS 353.220;
  7. Revising NRS 31A.090 to require that employers with 25 or more employees make payments of child support orders to the State Collection and Disbursement Unit by electronic transfer of money;
  8. Revising NRS 422.4025 governing the list of preferred prescription drugs to be used by the Medicaid program and thus, allowing Medicaid to receive supplemental rebates from pharmaceutical manufacturers;
  9. Revising NRS 422.3785 so as not to restrict the State's ability to adjust rates paid to its nursing facilities pursuant to the Medicaid Program;
  10. Adopting a nexus law that provides that certain online vendors of taxable tangible personal property are subject to the existing Nevada use tax;
  11. Eliminating Chapter 288 of NRS to provide for flexibility to local government entities;
  12. Removing all spending earmarks in K-12 education except for Special Education and Federal School Lunch Program State Match, and provide for a statewide block grant to allow school districts the flexibility to choose which programs to offer to their students (e.g. class size reduction, full-day kindergarten, etc.).

During the Special Session, the Legislature shall consider solutions to reduce state government spending. The Legislature may also consider any other legislative business as I may call to the attention of the Legislature while in session.

The Legislature may consider an appropriation to pay for the cost of the Special Session or may cover said cost from the Legislative Fund.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed at the State Capitol in Carson City, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year two thousand ten.



  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE