

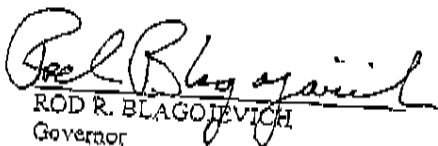
WHEREAS, on June 24, 2008, I called upon the House of Representatives to pass the funding solutions already passed by the Illinois Senate by July 9, 2008, in order to bring the budget into balance;

WHEREAS, the leadership of the House of Representatives has refused to call the House into session to deal with the grossly unbalanced budget passed;

WHEREAS, according to the Comptroller, a budget must be in place prior to July 9, 2008, in order to prevent the interruption of the operations of State government; and

WHEREAS, unless the General Assembly passes revenue generating measures to support a balanced budget, I will have no choice but to make significant cuts to State services and sponsored programs, thereby causing great harm to the citizens of this State, which could be avoided;

THEREFORE, pursuant to Article IV, Section 5(b) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby call and convene the 95<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, in duly constituted quorums capable of conducting business, in a special session to commence on July 9, 2008, at 2:28 p.m. to (a) consider any measures, including but not limited to Senate Bill 790, House Bills 6339, 2651, 4723, 1496, and 5618, which would provide the necessary revenue to support the appropriations contained in House Bill 5701, and Senate Bills 1102, 1115, and 1129, and (b) accept and immediately enter in the journal any veto, line-item veto, or reduction veto of any appropriation bills returned by the Governor.

  
ROD R. BLAGOJEVICH  
Governor

Dated: July 9, 2008