

## **PROCLAMATION 07-260**

WHEREAS, the Illinois Constitution requires the General Assembly to make appropriations for the expenditure of public funds for the fiscal year for State departments, authorities, and public agencies; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly has passed, and I have signed, a temporary, one-month budget providing spending authority to State departments, authorities, and public agencies through July 31, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the temporary, one-month budget providing spending authority to State departments, authorities, and public agencies expired on July 31, 2007; and

WHEREAS, in order to avoid a costly government shutdown potentially injurious to the health, safety, and welfare of Illinois, the General Assembly must pass, at a minimum, a second temporary, one-month budget to provide spending authority to State departments, authorities, and public agencies which will expire on August 31, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Healthcare and Family Services' (HFS) State Chronic Renal Disease Program assists Illinois residents who have been diagnosed as having chronic renal disease at the stage of irreversible renal impairment requiring a regular course of dialysis to maintain life; and

WHEREAS, the State Chronic Renal Disease Program assists patients with chronic renal diseases who require lifesaving care and treatment, but do not otherwise qualify for Medicaid or subsidized care; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly failed to provide for the expenditure of public funds after July of Fiscal Year 2008 for HFS' State Chronic Renal Disease Program;

THEREFORE, pursuant to Article IV, Section 5 (b) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby call and convene the 95th General Assembly in a special session to commence on August 4, 2007, at 9:00 a.m., to consider a second temporary, one-month budget to provide spending authority to State departments, authorities, and public agencies through August 31, 2007, and to consider any legislation, new or pending, which will address funding for the Department of Healthcare and Family Services' State Chronic Renal Disease Program.

**ROD BLAGOJEVICH**  
Governor