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**PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) began operation in 1947 and became the sole operator of Chicago transit in 1952 when it purchased the Chicago Motor Coach System; and

WHEREAS, the CTA is the region's largest transit operator, providing 154 bus routes and 8 rapid transit routes; and

WHEREAS, the CTA operates the nation's second largest transportation system, serving 1.6 million riders each weekday; and

WHEREAS, the CTA expects its ridership levels to increase by a compound annual growth rate of 1.5 % from 2005 through 2009; and

WHEREAS, the CTA spent \$403 million on capital programs in 2005, and the CTA is expected to spend more than \$1.0 billion on capital projects in 2006 and 2007; and

WHEREAS, the CTA has significant outstanding capital needs and reports that reaching a State of Good repair will require \$5.8 billion; and

WHEREAS, the President of the CTA has publicly stated that unless the CTA receives additional funding by September 16, 2007, the CTA will be required to layoff employees and increase fares;

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 a special session to commence on August 13, 2007, at 2:15 p.m., to consider funding for the CTA.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Rod Blagojevich", is written over a horizontal line. Below the line, the name "ROD BLAGOJEVICH" is printed in a bold, sans-serif font, followed by the word "Governor" in a smaller, regular sans-serif font.

ROD BLAGOJEVICH  
Governor

Dated: August 12, 2007