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IN THE OFFICE OF
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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Article XIII, Section 5 of the Illinois Constitution of 1970 requires the State to provide pension benefits to members of State-sponsored retirement systems; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois sponsors a retirement plan on behalf of State employees; and

WHEREAS, State employees, retirees and their families rely on the security provided by pension benefits to meet their needs, including food, housing and healthcare after retirement; and

WHEREAS, it is the State Employees' Retirement System's (SERS) mission to provide an orderly means whereby aged or disabled employees may be retired from active service, without prejudice or hardship, and to enable the employees to accumulate reserves for themselves and their dependents for old age, disability, death and termination of employment, thus effecting economy and efficiency in the administration of the State Government; and

WHEREAS, pensions managed and administered by SERS are under-funded, and the General Assembly has yet to pass a Fiscal Year 2008 budget or any measures addressing such under-funding;

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 July 7, 2007, at 2:00 p.m., to consider any legislation, new or pending, which will address the funding of the State Employees' Retirement System of Illinois.

Dated: July 6, 2007


ROD R. BLAGOJEVICH
Governor