



PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

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WHEREAS, in accordance with Article II, Section 12 (Amendment 68) of the Washington State Constitution, the Legislature adjourned its 2015 regular session on April 24, 2015, the 103rd day of the session; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature reconvened on April 29, 2015, to continue work on the 2015-2017 biennial operating and capital budgets, the 2015-2017 biennial transportation budget, and critical policy and related bills; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature failed to approve the 2015-2017 biennial operating and capital budgets, a 2015-2017 biennial transportation budget, the bills necessary to implement those budgets, and critical policy and related bills and

WHEREAS, the Legislature reconvened on May 29, 2015, to continue work on the 2015-2017 biennial operating and capital budgets, 2015-2017 biennial transportation budget, critical policy bills and related bills; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has again failed to approve the 2015-2017 biennial operating and capital budgets, and the bills necessary to implement those budgets; and

WHEREAS, the State enters a new fiscal biennium on July 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, State law requires the adoption of a budget providing appropriations for the operation of state government prior to the beginning of the fiscal biennium; and

WHEREAS, work remains to be done with respect to the 2015-2017 biennial operating and capital budgets and bills necessary to implement those budgets; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Supreme Court has determined that the State is not meeting its “paramount duty . . . to make ample provision for the education of all children residing within its borders”; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has vital work do to on a transportation investment package; and

