

STATE OF ILLINOIS
101st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
JOINT PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 5(b) of the Illinois Constitution empowers the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House to convene special sessions of the General Assembly;

WHEREAS, as the result of the COVID-19 pandemic, a demonstrable emergency exists which requires immediate action by the General Assembly;

WHEREAS, the General Assembly, as a separate, co-equal branch of Illinois government, has a responsibility to continue the work of Illinois' citizens and address the urgent matters of the State;

WHEREAS, the General Assembly provides an essential government function to ensure the continuing operation of the government and to provide for or support the health, safety and welfare of the public;

WHEREAS, the General Assembly will take all reasonable precautions to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the members, staff, and public during the special session by following recommended COVID-19 safety guidelines issued by the Illinois Department of Public Health; and

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Article IV, Section 5(b) of the Illinois Constitution, and in conformity with the Special Session Act, 25 ILCS 15, A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE 101st GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND CALLED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Special Session shall convene beginning May 20, 2020 in Springfield, Illinois at a time established by the presiding officer. The House of Representatives shall convene at the Bank of Springfield Center, and the Senate shall convene at the State Capitol Building.
2. The purpose of the Special Session shall be solely to consider new or pending legislative measures in relation to:
 - a. The COVID-19 pandemic or other disasters;
 - b. The State budget and its implementation;
 - c. Economic recovery, infrastructure projects, and funding thereof;
 - d. The explanation, arguments for and against, and the form for constitutional amendments as required under the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act;
 - e. Laws or authority scheduled to be repealed prior to June 1, 2021;
 - f. The 2020 General Election and the State Board of Elections; and
 - g. The hospital assessment program.
3. The Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Senate, and the Clerk of the House shall take whatever reasonable steps necessary to notify the members of the purpose and the date and time set for convening this emergency Special Session.

ISSUED: May 13, 2020



Don Harmon
President of the Senate



Michael J. Madigan
Speaker of the House