

WHEREAS: The State of Oregon is facing a \$830 million deficit, and the State must rebalance the budget; and

WHEREAS: The State of Oregon is experiencing a recession, and the State has a need and an opportunity to act on stimulating its economy; and

WHEREAS: Our K-12 system of schools has become reliant on state income taxes, and Oregon is one of only three states with no school stabilization fund to help tide our schools through economic downturns.

NOW,

THEREFORE, I, John A. Kitzhaber, Governor of the State of Oregon, pursuant to Article V, section 12, of the Oregon Constitution, hereby proclaim Friday, February 8, 2002 at 9 a.m. to be

THE CONVENING OF THE OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

for the purposes of rebalancing the budget, and to deliberate an economic stimulus package and the creation of a school stabilization fund.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, February 1, 2002.

John A. Kitzhaber, Governor

Bill Bradbury, Secretary of State