



PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

15-09

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 budget, 2015-2017 biennial transportation budget, critical policy bills and related bills; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has failed to approve a 2015-2017 biennial operating and capital budget, 2015-2017 biennial transportation budget, 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, work remains to be done with respect to the 2015-2017 biennial transportation budget and bills necessary to implement that budget; and

WHEREAS, the Speaker of the House, House Minority Leader, Senate Republican Leader, and Senate Democratic Leader, working together with the Governor may agree upon additional matters that are necessary for the Legislature to address;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article II, Section 12 (Amendment 68) and Article III, Section 7

