BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION
CONVENING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA IN SPECIAL SESSION

WHEREAS: Article V, Section II, Paragraph VII of the Constitution of the State of Georgia grants to the Governor the power to convene a special session of the General Assembly, stating and thereby limiting its purposes; and

WHEREAS: The Regular Session of the 2005 General Assembly adjourned sine die on March 31, 2005; and

WHEREAS: Motor fuel prices have risen substantially since the adjournment of the 2005 General Assembly; and

WHEREAS: Hurricane Katrina has caused major destruction and damage to properties in the states of Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana, adversely affecting the motor fuel supply to the State of Georgia, which has had the effect of further increasing gas prices in the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS: The Governor has determined that certain purposes warrant the convocation of a special session; now

THEREFORE: By virtue of the power and authority that the Constitution of the State of Georgia confers upon me, I, Sonny Perdue, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby convene the General Assembly of this State in Special Session at 1:00 p.m. on September 6, 2005, for the purposes and only the purposes stated as follows:

1. To ratify the Executive Order dated September 2, 2005, and numbered 09.02.05.01 in the official records of the Office of the Governor, which suspended the collection of all state sales and use taxation, state excise taxation, and the second motor fuel tax as those taxes apply to aviation gasoline, and motor fuel used to propel motor vehicles for use on or off public highways including gasoline, dyed fuel oils, liquid propane gas, and other special fuels including but not limited to gasohol, ethanol, liquefied natural gas, or compressed natural gas, and excluding jet fuel, commencing with all deliveries occurring immediately following the last moment of September 2, 2005, until the General Assembly acts upon this Order;

2. To enact general law providing a temporary exemption on motor fuel taxes due the state commencing with all deliveries occurring immediately following the last moment of September 2, 2005, and ending midnight September 30, 2005, and other related purposes;

3. To amend Code Section 50-19-7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated to change provisions relating to the mileage reimbursement rate for traveling expenses for officers, officials, and employees of the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of state government.

This 2nd day of September, 2005.

Sonny Perdue

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

CHIEF OF STAFF