

A PROCLAMATION FROM HIS EXCELLENCY

THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut faced a projected deficit of more than three billion dollars in the biennium ending June 30, 2013;

WHEREAS, the General Assembly passed Public Act 11-6 and Public Act 11-61 during the 2011 regular session, eliminating the projected deficit and providing for a balanced budget for the biennium ending June 30, 2013;

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut and the State Employees Bargaining Agent Coalition (SEBAC) engaged in good faith negotiations over a period of nearly three months to achieve savings to address this projected deficit;

WHEREAS, these good faith negotiations resulted in a tentative agreement (Agreement) that was signed by both parties on May 27, 2011 and presented to the bargaining units for consideration and ratification;

WHEREAS, the budget for the biennium ending June 30, 2013 contained savings anticipated to be achieved by ratification of the Agreement;

WHEREAS, ratification of the Agreement by bargaining units representing at least 80% percent of state employee union members now appears to be in doubt;

WHEREAS, without the savings associated with ratification of the Agreement, the authorized expenditures for the biennium ending June 30, 2013 will exceed anticipated revenues;

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of the State of Connecticut, states that the "amount of general budget expenditures authorized for any fiscal year shall not exceed the estimated amount of revenue for such fiscal year;"

WHEREAS, the budget legislation passed by the General Assembly authorizes revenue increases that maximize the potential revenue that can be achieved in the current economic climate;

WHEREAS, the economy of the United States has experienced a prolonged period of economic instability resulting in job losses and declining revenues which have had devastating effects on families, businesses and state and municipal governments;

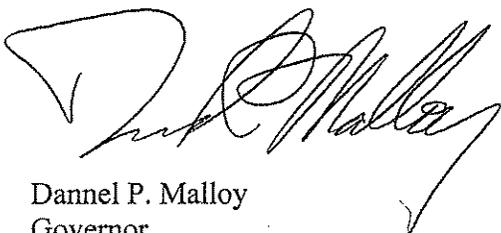
WHEREAS, in light of these economic conditions, further state revenue increases would impose an unreasonable burden on families and businesses in the state during the biennium; and

WHEREAS, the biennium budget ending June 30, 2013 goes into effect on July 1, 2011, requiring prompt action by the General Assembly to pass necessary changes to rebalance the budget by adjusting authorized expenditures back to the level of anticipated revenues;

NOW THEREFORE, by the authority vested in me under Article III of the Amendments to the Constitution of Connecticut and Section 2-7 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I, in order to preserve orderly and decent government, do hereby:

Convene the General Assembly in Special Session in Hartford on Thursday, June 30, 2011 at 10:00 a. m. to enact legislation solely limited to closing the budget deficit for the biennium ending June 30, 2013, including any conforming changes necessary for implementation thereof, and to expanding the Governor's rescission authority under Section 4-85 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Given under my hand and Seal of the State at the City of Hartford, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June in the year two thousand and eleven.



Dannel P. Malloy  
Governor