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# PROCLAMATION

## CALL FOR EXTRAORDINARY SESSION

### OF THE

### GENERAL ASSEMBLY

WHEREAS, Section 9 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Colorado provides that "The Governor may, on extraordinary occasions convene the General Assembly, by Proclamation, stating, therein the purpose for which it is to assemble; but at such special session no business shall be transacted other than that specially named in the Proclamation"; and

WHEREAS, the present nation-wide economic depression has created a serious emergency in this State due to widespread unemployment and consequent indigence and dependence of a large portion of the people of this State; and

WHEREAS, the increasing inadequacy of federal, state and local relief funds to relieve the situation has resulted in existing and ever threatening deprivation of thousands of families and individuals in this State of the necessities of life; and

WHEREAS, because of the conditions aforesaid, distress and hunger exist among our people in such a degree that the public peace, order, tranquility and safety are seriously affected and endangered and the processes of orderly government itself imperiled; and

WHEREAS, other emergencies and requirements have arisen since the adjournment of the regular session of the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, in the opinion of the Governor of the State of Colorado, it is imperative that legislation be enacted immediately to allay the present widespread public discontent and social unrest; to defend the State; to relieve the needy and destitute citizens of this State from want and deprivation by the provision of direct relief or work relief, or both; to cooperate with the federal government in its program of national recovery; to prevent disaster in this critical emergency; and by reason thereof an extraordinary occasion has arisen and now exists, as contemplated in the Constitution of this State for the calling of a special session of the General Assembly, and requiring the consideration by the General Assembly of each one of the matters hereinafter specified.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edwin C. Johnson, Governor of the State of Colorado, do by this Proclamation convene the Twenty-ninth General Assembly of this State, and hereby summon the members thereof to meet in special session at the Capitol, in the City of Denver, on Wednesday, the 2nd day of August, A. D. 1933, at 12 o'clock noon.

The purposes for which the General Assembly is convened are as follows:

*First*—To create and define the powers and duties of an emergency relief administration; to provide funds by loan or otherwise for the financing of direct relief, or work relief, or both, during the period of the emergency, and to provide for the expenditure, distribution, or allocation of such funds.

*Second*—To authorize and empower the state, counties, municipalities or other political subdivisions of the state to obtain grants, loans or advances from the United States upon such terms as the President shall prescribe for the construction, repair or improvement of any public works project authorized by the National Industrial Recovery Act; to construct, finance or aid in the construction or financing of any such public works project; to sell any real or personal property in connection with the construction of any such project, or to lease any such property from the Federal Government with or without the privilege of purchase; and to provide for the repayment of any such loans.

*Third*—To provide for cooperation with the federal government in the establishment of public employment agencies.

*Fourth*—To suspend the operation of the anti-trust laws of this state for the purpose of cooperating with the federal government in the administration of the National Industrial Recovery Act.

*Fifth*—To permit the investment of estate, trust or public funds in the bonds of the Home Owners Loan Corporation or in the bonds of any other corporation which is or may be created by the United States as a governmental agency or instrumentality.

*Sixth*—To provide for a convention to act upon the proposal to repeal the Eighteenth Amendment to the Federal Constitution.

*Seventh*—To provide for such control of the liquor traffic as has been rendered necessary or expedient by amendments to the National Prohibition Act and

the repeal of the intoxicating liquor laws of this state by constitutional amendment adopted November, 1932, and to enact such further laws concerning intoxicating liquors as may be rendered necessary or expedient in the event of the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment to the Federal Constitution.

*Eighth*—To provide for an excise tax upon the sale of cigarettes for the purpose of acquiring lands and constructing necessary buildings at the Colorado State Hospital at Pueblo, and for the payment of the indebtedness incurred in the construction of the heating plant at the Colorado State Teachers College at Greeley.

*Ninth*—To permit county commissioners to construct and maintain highways either directly or by contract, and to enter into and perform contracts to build or maintain state highways.

*Tenth*—To provide for exemption from taxation of property within the boundaries of lands leased to the United States.

*Eleventh*—To provide for the custody and safe-keeping of public funds and for the payment of interest thereon when deposited with banks or other financial institutions.

*Twelfth*—For the Senate, to confirm any appointments which may be submitted to it in accordance with law.

*Thirteenth*—To provide for expenses of the special session hereby called.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto, set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Colorado to be affixed hereunto, at Denver, Colorado, this 29th day of July, A. D. 1933.

(SEAL)

ED C. JOHNSON,  
Governor of the State of Colorado.

ATTEST:

CHAS. M. ARMSTRONG,  
Secretary of State.