THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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JOINT PROCLAMATION

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA SENATE AND THE FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

We, Jeff Atwater, President of the Florida Senate, and Larry Cretul, Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives, by virtue of the authority vested in us by Article III, Section 3(c), Florida Constitution, and Section 11.011, Florida Statutes, do hereby proclaim:

Section 1. That the Legislature of the State of Florida is convened in Special Session at the Capitol in Tallahassee, Florida, beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, the 3rd day of December, 2009, and ending at noon on Friday, the 11th day of December, 2009.

Section 2. That the Legislature of the State of Florida is convened for the sole and exclusive purpose of considering legislation:

(a) Relating to the Florida Department of Transportation's authority to acquire, own, construct, operate, market, promote, maintain, and manage existing and new passenger rail corridors;

(b) Creating the Florida Rail Enterprise within the Florida Department of Transportation to oversee and manage the development and operations of state-owned passenger rail systems;

(c) Creating the Statewide Passenger Rail Commission within the Florida Department of Transportation to monitor the efficiency, productivity, and management of all publicly-funded passenger rail systems and to advise the Department and the Legislature on policies and strategies relating to state-owned passenger rail systems;

(d) Addressing the allocation and assumption of risks associated with state-owned passenger rail corridors;

(e) Authorizing the Florida Department of Transportation to purchase insurance and establish a self-retention fund to insure against liability risks associated with state-owned passenger rail corridors;

(f) Providing for the allocation of increased revenues to the State Transportation Trust Fund, based on the Revenue Estimating Conference's revised forecast dated November 2009, to fund existing passenger rail operations;

(g) Addressing allocation of a portion of documentary stamp tax proceeds provided to the Transportation Regional Incentive Program pursuant to s. 201.15(1)(c)1.d., F.S., to fund the capital costs of future passenger rail systems and associated impacts; and

(h) Reallocating documentary stamp tax proceeds provided pursuant to s. 201.15(1)(c)1., F.S., to fund the Small County Outreach Program.

Section 3. That committees or councils of either house of the Legislature are authorized to consider legislation within the purview of this proclamation from this date forward.

Jeff Atwater
President, The Florida Senate
November 30, 2009

Larry Cretul
Speaker, The Florida House of Representatives
November 30, 2009

Duly filed with and received by the Florida Department of State in Tallahassee, Florida this _____ day of November, 2009, by:

Kurt S. Browning
Secretary of State

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