## SPECIAL MESSAGE

## OCT 17 2011

WHEREAS, by my Proclamation dated August 22, 2011, I convened the Ninety-Sixth General Assembly of the State of Missouri in the First Extra Session for the Criest Regular Session; and

WHEREAS, the Proclamation granted to the general assembly the authority to enact legislation that would move Missouri's presidential primary to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March of each presidential election year; and

WHEREAS, a presidential primary process best reflects the traditional tenets of our democratic electoral system and embraces voter participation; and

WHEREAS, transparency and accountability must be the foundation of the process used to nominate presidential candidates; and

WHEREAS, the President Pro Tem of the Missouri State Senate has requested that the special session call be expanded as it relates to Missouri's presidential primary; and

WHEREAS, Missouri's role in the presidential nomination process must be an inclusive system, which encourages the public's participation, and has a meaningful effect on the selection of presidential nominees; and

WHEREAS, the need to address Missouri's 2012 presidential primary is an extraordinary occasion as envisioned by Article IV, Section 9 of the Missouri Constitution.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JEREMIAH W. (JAY) NIXON, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution of the State of Missouri, do hereby amend the matters specifically designated and limited for consideration by the General Assembly in my August 22, 2011 Proclamation and September 6, 2011 Special Message to add to those matters the following additional specifically designated and limited matter. The additional specifically designated and limited matter on which the action of the General Assembly is deemed necessary is as follows:

• To enact legislation relating to the holding of a Missouri presidential primary in 2012.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2011.

Jeremiah XV. (Jay) Nixon

Governor

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ATTEST: