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THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE JOINT PROCLAMATION

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

We, Ken Pruitt, President of the Florida Senate, and Marco Rubio, Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives, by virtue of the authority vested in us by Article III, Section 3(c)(2), 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 10 minutes upon adjournment sine die of Special Session C of the 83rd Legislature since statehood in 1845, and ending at 11:59 pm on Monday, October 29, 2007.

Section 2. That the Legislature of the State of Florida is convened for the sole and exclusive purpose of considering legislation relating to ad valorem taxation to provide the following:

1. An increase in the homestead exemption;
2. Portability for the assessment benefit derived under Article VII, Section 4(c), of the Florida Constitution;
3. A \$25,000 exemption for Tangible Personal Property;
4. A new exemption for first-time homesteaders;
5. A new exemption for low-income seniors;
6. Changes in the manner of assessment for:
 - a. affordable housing; and
 - b. working waterfronts;
7. Alter the presumption of correctness for certain challenges to property assessments;
8. Election of property appraisers;
9. Limitations on the authority of local governments to increase ad valorem taxes; and
10. A special election on a joint resolution addressing ad valorem taxation.

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

Ken Pruitt

Marco Rubio

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