



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, we grieve the unexpected loss of a true public servant, State Comptroller Judy Baar Topinka; and

WHEREAS, under Article V, Section 7 of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, there is a vacancy in the office of State Comptroller that must be filled by appointment to maintain the day-to-day functions of State government; and

WHEREAS, the people of Illinois are best served by having elected statewide officers; and

WHEREAS, there is currently no process in Illinois law to replace by special election an appointee to the office of State Comptroller, although such a process is permitted under and contemplated by Article V, Section 7 of the Illinois Constitution of 1970; and

WHEREAS, the most fitting course of action following this tragedy is to empower the people of the State to elect a new Comptroller in a statewide special election; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Attorney General has urged that a law be passed to allow for a special session at the next General Election in 2016 to fill the office of State Comptroller through the General Election in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 5(b) of the Illinois Constitution empowers the Governor, as Chief Executive, to convene special sessions of the General Assembly;

THEREFORE, pursuant to Article IV, Section 5(b) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby call and convene the 98th General Assembly in a special session to commence on January 8, 2015, at 11:00 a.m., for the purpose of considering any legislative measure, new or pending, that would provide for a special election for the office of State Comptroller.



Pat Quinn, Governor

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