



SPECIAL EDITION

The Michigan Constitution requires a balanced budget be in place at the beginning of the fiscal year to provide authorization to expend public funds to serve the citizens of our state. To meet that requirement, the administration is working closely with the state Legislature to ensure that a budget is in place before October 1, 2009 – the start of the 2009-2010 fiscal year. Reaching a consensus on the budget has been extremely difficult this year given that the national recession and the upheaval in the financial markets have driven state revenues down to a 40-year low when adjusted for inflation.

We are required by some contractual requirements to advise you that if a budget is not enacted by October 1, temporary layoffs will be necessary. Specifically, if a budget is not in place by October 1, you will be temporarily laid off effective 12:01 a.m. on October 1, 2009, in accordance with applicable contractual provisions or Civil Service rules and regulations. In such case, unless notified otherwise by your appointing authority, you are not to report for work.

Certain employees may be required to report for work in order to protect public safety, health and welfare. Such employees will be notified by their appointing authority in advance of October 1 of the necessity to report for work.

I assure you the administration is working diligently to have a budget in place to avoid temporary layoffs. These have been trying and uncertain times for you and all of us in state government who take pride in serving the citizens of Michigan. It is our hope that the budget situation will be resolved soon, and we promise to keep you updated on our progress in the days to come.



Sincerely,

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