



**The General Assembly**  
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## **General Assembly to Suspend Legislative Session**

ATLANTA, GA – The Georgia General Assembly will suspend the 2020 legislative session indefinitely after Friday, March 13, the 29<sup>th</sup> Legislative Day. The suspension is out of an abundance of caution and in the interest of health and safety of members, staff and the public given the prevalence of the Coronavirus. Lt. Governor Geoff Duncan and Speaker of the House David Ralston have mutually agreed to suspend the session and resume at a future date to be determined.

“We continue to urge calm and appropriate responses to the Coronavirus situation. However, the current environment demands that we take additional preventative action,” said Lt. Governor Geoff Duncan. “Speaker Ralston and I are working diligently to ensure that, at the appropriate time, the General Assembly resumes its critically important work.”

“We do not take this action lightly, but after discussions with Governor Kemp, we feel this is a prudent measure which will ensure an orderly legislative session,” said Speaker David Ralston. “I appreciate very much the cooperation of Lt. Governor Duncan, and working together, our House and Senate stand ready to support the state’s response to the Coronavirus. We look forward to resuming the legislative session and returning to the people’s business.”

The House and Senate will reconvene for the 30<sup>th</sup> Legislative Day at a future date and time to be set by Lt. Governor Duncan and Speaker Ralston under the terms of the joint adjournment resolution adopted by both chambers.

Earlier today, both the House and Senate adopted the Amended Fiscal Year 2020 state budget. That budget includes \$100 million in funding to address any Coronavirus-related needs which may arise.

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