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*The Members of the Legislative Council and the Members of the Legislative Assembly having
assembled in the Legislative Assembly Chamber in accordance with the resolutions of the two
Houses —*

- 1 **ELECTION OF CHAIR** — The Honourable Daniel Andrews MP moved — That the Honourable Nazih Elasmr MLC, President of the Legislative Council, be appointed Chair of this joint sitting. The motion was seconded by the Honourable Michael O’Brien MP.

As no other member was proposed, the Clerk declared the Honourable Nazih Elasmr MLC had been duly elected Chair.

The Honourable Nazih Elasmr MLC took the Chair at 1.31 pm.

- 2 **RULES OF PROCEDURE** — The Chair announced that section 27A of the *Constitution Act 1975* provides that the joint sitting shall be conducted in accordance with rules adopted by members present at the sitting. Accordingly, the Honourable Daniel Andrews MP moved — That Joint Rule of Practice 2 be the rules of procedure for this joint sitting.

The Honourable Michael O’Brien MP seconded the motion.

Question — put and agreed to.

- 3 **PERSON PROPOSED AND CHOSEN TO HOLD THE VACANT SEAT IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — The Chair invited proposals from members for a person to occupy the seat in the Legislative Council rendered vacant by the resignation of the Honourable Jenny Mikakos MLC.

The Honourable Daniel Andrews MP proposed Ms Sheena Watt as the person to occupy the vacant seat. He also stated that Ms Sheena Watt was willing to accept the nomination and that the President was in possession of advice from the Acting State Secretary of the Victorian Branch of the Australian Labor Party that the nominee was

the selection of the Australian Labor Party, the party previously represented in the Legislative Council by the Honourable Jenny Mikakos MLC. The proposal was seconded by the Honourable Michael O'Brien MP.

The Chair asked if there were any further proposals and, there being no further proposals, declared nominations closed.

Question — That Ms Sheena Watt be chosen to occupy the seat rendered vacant by the resignation of the Honourable Jenny Mikakos MLC — put and agreed to.

4 The Chair declared the joint sitting closed at 1.34 pm.

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