

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1

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A RESOLUTION

To memorialize the Congress of the United States to take immediate action to approve funding to end the federal government shutdown and urge the United States Senate to adopt the continuing resolution passed by the United States House of Representatives that would ensure temporary funding and the uninterrupted operation of the federal government.

WHEREAS, the federal government is currently in a state of shutdown due to a disagreement on the federal budget; and

WHEREAS, the United States House of Representatives passed H.R. 5371, 119th Cong. (2025), Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, to temporarily fund the federal government; and

WHEREAS, the United States Senate has been unable to obtain the necessary votes to pass the continuing resolution; and

WHEREAS, on October 24, 2025, Governor Jeff Landry issued Executive Order Number JML 25-123 declaring a state of emergency as a result of the suspension of SNAP benefits due to the federal government shutdown; and

WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana is considering all possible funding options to continue critical federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits disrupted by the federal government shutdown for its most vulnerable residents, including children, seniors, and individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana created a Budget Stabilization Fund and Revenue Stabilization Fund to provide protection against unforeseen disruptions in critical services; and

WHEREAS, the legislature is considering a resolution to utilize up to \$150 million for the purpose of providing funding for a federal program traditionally supported with federal taxes; and

WHEREAS, Congress has established a clear precedent for reimbursement of states during a lapse in appropriations, most notably in Public Law 113-46 (Continuing Appropriations Act, 2014), which provides: "If a State (or another Federal grantee) used State funds...to continue carrying out a Federal program...the State...shall be reimbursed for expenses that would have been paid by the Federal Government during such period had appropriations been available"; and

WHEREAS, the federal government shutdown has resulted in the suspension of critical government services, the furlough of employees, and disruption to programs that support food assistance, public health, transportation, education, national security, and economic stability within the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the economic impact of the shutdown is not confined to the federal level but extends to small businesses, contractors, and local economies that rely on government spending.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the Congress of the United States to take immediate action to approve funding to end the federal government shutdown and urges the United States Senate to adopt the continuing resolution passed by the United States House of Representatives that would ensure temporary funding and the uninterrupted operation of the federal government.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the United States House of Representatives, under the leadership of Speaker Mike Johnson and Majority Leader Steve Scalise, for passing the continuing resolution that ensures temporary funding and the uninterrupted operation of the federal government.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana emphasizes the importance of ending the government shutdown to protect the economy, public services, and the well-being of Louisiana's citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge Congress to enact legislation authorizing the reimbursement of state funds utilized to provide benefits to Louisiana SNAP recipients during the federal government shutdown.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the secretary of the United States Senate and the clerk of the United States House of Representatives and to each member of the Louisiana delegation to the United States Congress.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE