

# State of South Dakota

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## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1

Introduced by: Senators Heinert, Foster, Kennedy, Nesiba, Wismer, and Youngberg

1 A RESOLUTION, Urging the President and United States Congress to act quickly to end the  
2 ongoing federal government shutdown.

3 WHEREAS, on December 22, 2018, the President of the United States and the United States  
4 Congress failed to agree on the timely appropriation of sufficient funds for the 2019 fiscal year  
5 or a temporary continuing resolution, resulting in a shutdown of federal government offices and  
6 services that continues to this day; and

7 WHEREAS, the federal government shutdown has furloughed hundreds of thousands of  
8 employees, leaving them facing the uncertainty of lost wages, while thousands of essential  
9 government workers have been required to continue to work without compensation, and  
10 paychecks are on hold for approximately 800,000 federal employees; and

11 WHEREAS, the closure of federal offices and loss of funding has caused hundreds of  
12 government-backed programs to completely cease operations; and

13 WHEREAS, Congress has yet to approve funding for the Indian Health Service (IHS),  
14 which is dramatically impacted by the federal shutdown with some services and payments on  
15 hold, and many IHS employees are furloughed or working without pay, affecting the health



1 services for Native Americans and hurting the economic security of the numerous Native  
2 American IHS employees; and

3 WHEREAS, the shutdown has halted the issuance of small business loans and permits  
4 needed by local businesses to maintain and expand operations and has interfered with hiring by  
5 closing down employee verification systems, including the EVerify service to ensure persons  
6 are authorized to work in the United States; and

7 WHEREAS, the Internal Revenue Service has been largely shuttered, leaving significant  
8 doubt as to whether tax refunds will be processed in a timely manner; and

9 WHEREAS, Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices are closed and some deadlines have been  
10 extended, while farmers seek to sign up for deficiency payments for commodity price drops due  
11 to international trade issues; and

12 WHEREAS, the government shutdown has halted mortgage approvals under programs  
13 designed to help individuals purchase homes with low down-payments and at low interest rates,  
14 including those offered to build or improve housing and essential community facilities in rural  
15 areas under the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA); and

16 WHEREAS, there is growing concern that a prolonged shutdown may cause USDA  
17 programs, including SNAP and WIC, that provide nutritional assistance to low-income  
18 individuals and their children, to run out of funds and miss payments as soon as March 2019;  
19 and

20 WHEREAS, the harm to South Dakota residents and businesses from the federal  
21 government shutdown is immediate and ongoing and will continue to be felt long after the  
22 shutdown ends:

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Ninety-Fourth Legislature  
24 of the State of South Dakota, that the Senate expresses its concern for the welfare of South

1 Dakota residents and businesses suffering from the ongoing federal government shutdown; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Senate strongly encourages South Dakota's United  
3 States Senators Rounds and Thune to support H.R. 264, due to overwhelming Senate support  
4 for the Further Additional Continuing Appropriations Act, 2019, contained in the amendment  
5 to H.R. 695 in the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress, that would have provided continuing Federal Fiscal Year  
6 2019 appropriations to several federal agencies through February 8, 2019, but was not signed  
7 by the President; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Senate urges the President of the United States and  
9 the United States Congress to act quickly to pass legislation ending the federal government  
10 shutdown and to work this year to fix the legal immigration system in our country.