



DeKalb County Government

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Legislation Text

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Public Hearing: YES ☐ NO ☒

Department: Board of Commissioners

SUBJECT:

Commission District(s): All

A Resolution Petitioning the United States Government to Immediately Restore Appropriations for Federal Agencies Experiencing Operational Limitations Under the Current Federal Shutdown, and for Other Purposes

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PURPOSE:

To petition the United States Government via resolution requesting immediate restoration of appropriations for Federal agencies experiencing operational limitations under the current Federal shutdown.

NEED/IMPACT:

The limitations on federal services under the current shutdown endanger the safety and security of US citizens, undermines the economy, and impairs stewardship of public resources in addition to placing unwarranted, indefensible financial and personal burdens on federal employees and contractors who have a reasonable expectation for compensation for services rendered, and for fidelity to employment conventions and contractual obligations. Under the Constitution, it is the responsibility of the Congress and President of the United States to fund such activities as they mandate and authorize through the legislative process, and it is further the responsibility of the President to faithfully execute and implement policies and expenditures so promulgated.

DeKalb County proudly counts among its stakeholders thousands of federal employees and contractors, many of whom are working without compensation or are furloughed under the current federal shutdown. Many other DeKalb County stakeholders rely upon the essential services that these federal employees render, under duly authorized federal statutes and rigorously crafted federal departmental authorization bills. The DeKalb Commission must exercise its duty to petition the US Government in the interest of these citizens and stakeholders.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

RECOMMENDATION:

To approve the resolution petitioning the United States Government to immediately restore appropriations for Federal agencies experiencing operational limitations under the current Federal shutdown.