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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge Speaker John Boehner and the United States 1
House of Representatives to take immediate action 2
to pass a federal budget that benefits all 3
Americans. 4

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE
OF OHIO (THE SENATE CONCURRING):**

WHEREAS, The recent failure of the United States House of 5
Representatives, under the leadership of Speaker John Boehner, to 6
put the economy and best interest of the entire country ahead of 7
political gamesmanship has resulted in the lack of a federal 8
budget for the current federal fiscal year beginning October 1, 9
2013, and the shutdown of the federal government; and 10

WHEREAS, The instability created by the government shutdown 11
will negatively impact the national economy, and subsequently 12
Ohio's economy; and 13

WHEREAS, Hundreds of thousands of federal employees, 14
including many charged with protecting us from terrorist threats, 15
defending our borders, inspecting our food, and keeping our skies 16
safe, will work without pay until the shutdown ends; and 17

WHEREAS, Approximately 1.85 million workers across the United 18
States will see a reduction in or the elimination of their 19
paycheck due to the government shutdown; and 20

WHEREAS, Approximately 48,422 Ohio employees will face 21

reduced or no pay as a result of the government shutdown, further 22
adversely affecting the state economy; and 23

WHEREAS, New applications for small business loans and loan 24
guarantees will be immediately halted, negatively impacting the 25
economy; and 26

WHEREAS, Permits and reviews for planned energy and 27
transportation projects will stop, preventing companies from 28
working on these projects, hurting United States businesses; and 29

WHEREAS, Loans to rural communities will be halted; and 30

WHEREAS, Call centers, hotlines, and regional offices that 31
help veterans understand their benefits will close to the public, 32
and, furthermore, veterans' compensation, pension, education, and 33
other benefits could be cut off in the case of an extended 34
shutdown; and 35

WHEREAS, Ohio's tourism economy will be adversely affected by 36
the closing of federal parks and monuments; and 37

WHEREAS, Consumer spending is a driving force of our state 38
and national economies; and 39

WHEREAS, Vital services that ensure seniors and young 40
children have access to healthy food and meals may not have 41
sufficient federal funds to serve all beneficiaries in an extended 42
lapse; and 43

WHEREAS, Research into life-threatening diseases and other 44
areas will stop and new patients will not be accepted into 45
clinical trials at the National Institutes of Health; and 46

WHEREAS, Work to protect consumers, ranging from child 47
product safety to financial security to the safety of hazardous 48
waste facilities, will cease, and the Environmental Protection 49
Agency will halt nonessential inspections of chemical facilities 50
and drinking water systems; now therefore be it 51

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 130th General Assembly 52
of the State of Ohio, urge Speaker John Boehner and the United 53
States House of Representatives to take immediate action to pass a 54
federal budget that benefits all Americans, not a few special 55
interests, and to cease playing political games with the nation's 56
economy; and be it further 57

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 58
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to Speaker 59
John Boehner and the Clerk of the United States House of 60
Representatives and to the news media of Ohio. 61