

Resolution No. 1377-2025

By Council Members Starr and Howse-Jones

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION
Condemning the 2025 United States government shutdown and urging prompt bipartisan action to reestablish funding and protect essential services.

FOR ADOPTION
October 27, 2025

WHEREAS, the United States government is currently shutdown, significantly impacting operations; and

WHEREAS, this government shutdown is causing substantial disruptions to critical government functions, adversely affecting public health, safety, education, housing, and economic stability, and thereby jeopardizing the well-being of citizens nationwide; and

WHEREAS, currently, federal employees are furloughed, essential services are suspended or reduced, and vital projects are delayed, damaging the economy and affecting the livelihoods of federal workers and their families; and

WHEREAS, the shutdown has intensified financial insecurity, heightened uncertainty, and caused undue stress for government employees, their families, and communities dependent on government-provided services; and

WHEREAS, this government shutdown disproportionately impacts low-income populations and vulnerable groups who rely on federal assistance programs; and

WHEREAS, without additional federal appropriations, the U.S Department of Agriculture will be unable to issue Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits in November, leaving more than 190,000 residents across Cuyahoga County and Cleveland, including seniors, working parents, and children, without access to the nutrition assistance they rely on each month; and

WHEREAS, elected officials must prioritize the interests of the American people by engaging in bipartisan cooperation and negotiation to enact a responsible budget that funds government operations and sustains essential services; and

WHEREAS, this Council calls upon our state and federal representatives to take immediate actions to mitigate the impacts of this shutdown on our citizens, prioritizing those most affected; and

WHEREAS, this Council urges federal representatives and Governor DeWine's administration to use federal and state contingency funds to bridge this short-term gap and ensure SNAP and the specific program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) benefits and services continue uninterrupted; and

WHEREAS, this resolution constitutes an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of public peace, property, health or safety, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That this Council condemns the 2025 United States government shutdown and urges prompt bipartisan action to reestablish funding and protect essential services.

Section 2. That the Clerk of Council is directed to transmit copies of this resolution to all federal representatives from northeast Ohio, Senators Jon Husted and Bernie Moreno and to Governor Mike DeWine and to all members of the Ohio General Assembly.

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Section 3. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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REPORT
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