

1 Resolution: 2019-01

2 **Subject:** Cass County Republican Party call for legislation enforcing Congressional performance standards.

3 **WHEREAS:** Article 1, Section 8, Clause 1 of the United States Constitution designates the “power of the purse” as a
4 function of Congress.

5 **WHEREAS:** The Federal Budget Process requires the President to submit a federal budget to Congress early each
6 calendar year for the coming fiscal year which begins on October first.

7 **WHEREAS:** The Federal Budget Process requires the House and Senate to pass budget resolutions, reconcile
8 differences and vote on appropriation bills which can be submitted to the President, where the bills can be signed into
9 law or vetoed.

10 **WHEREAS:** The United States Congress has not submitted a complete federal budget in many years.

11 **WHEREAS:** The Executive and Legislative Branches have failed to complete the appropriations process and
12 subsequently shut down the Federal Government 21 times since 1976.

13 **WHEREAS:** The pay and allowances, of elected and appointed officials in the Executive and Legislative Branches as
14 well as Congressional and White House Staffers, are generally not affected by Government shutdowns or furloughs.

15 **RESOLVED,** That as a result of the Executive and Legislative failure to perform basic duties outlined in the US
16 Constitution and the Federal Budget Process; the Republican Party of Cass County Nebraska, calls on the Nebraska
17 Congressional Delegation to draft, sponsor, and ensure passage of legislation requiring all elected and appointed
18 members of the Executive and Legislative Branches to forfeit 100 percent of pay and allowances during any year in
19 which all appropriations bills are not approved by the first day of the fiscal year (1 Oct). Additionally, legislation must
20 require that all pay and allowances, for all Congressional and White House Staffers, be forfeited and not reimbursed,
21 during any type of government shutdown. This legislation shall be enduring; without exemptions or sunset provisions.

22 **Submitted by:** Chairman emeritus Dean Helmick on behalf of The Cass County Republican Party.

23 **Action Taken:** Approved by unanimous vote of the Cass County Republican Party and Cass County Executive Board.

24 **Date:** January 15, 2019

25 **Copies submitted to:**

26 US Senators: Deb Fisher and Ben Sasse

27 Congressmen: Jeff Fortenberry, Don Bacon and Adrian Smith

28 Nebraska State Senator: Rob Clements

29 Nebraska Republican Party: Chairman Dan Welch and Executive Director Kenny Zoeller