

1 House Memorial

2 A memorial to the Congress of the United States,
3 urging Congress to authorize a prorated reduction of
4 all federal taxes to compensate for services reduced
5 or discontinued during a Federal Government shutdown.
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7 WHEREAS, the 2013 Federal Government shutdown directly and
8 indirectly impacted many American citizens and businesses
9 negatively, ranging from the 800,000 furloughed government
10 employees to those commercial enterprises that depended on
11 government employees to purchase goods or pay their bills, and

12 WHEREAS, it is not the fault of taxpaying individuals and
13 businesses that the executive and legislative branches of the
14 Federal Government at times are unable or unwilling to reach an
15 agreement on a budget, and

16 WHEREAS, such a budgetary impasse causes government
17 services to shut down, affecting many aspects of the nation's
18 economy, and

19 WHEREAS, the shutting down of government services also
20 results in the suspension of government programs that assist
21 individuals who depend on those programs to carry out their
22 everyday activities, thereby affecting businesses that employ
23 workers who are funded by those programs and impacting all
24 Americans who depend on government programs to conduct
25 regulatory activities that guarantee the health and safety of
26 products in the stream of commerce, and

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27 WHEREAS, taxpayers should not be required to pay federally
28 imposed taxes while the Federal Government is unable to provide
29 them with needed services, and

30 WHEREAS, individuals and businesses should only resume
31 paying taxes to the Federal Government once a budget impasse is
32 resolved and an agreement is reached to restart services and
33 programs, NOW, THEREFORE,

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35 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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37 That should the Federal Government fail to agree on a
38 federal budget in the future and, therefore, be forced to reduce
39 or discontinue government services, federal taxes due for the
40 fiscal year or years during any shutdown which occurs should be
41 prorated to account for the shutdown period.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
43 dispatched to the President of the United States, to the
44 President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the
45 United States House of Representatives, and to each member of
46 the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.