

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION TO AID HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENTS
IMPACTED BY THE FEDERAL SHUTDOWN**

WHEREAS Article 11, Section 4 of the Nevada State Constitution and Chapter 396 of the Nevada Revised Statutes provides that the Board of Regents oversees the management of the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) and its respective institutions;

WHEREAS on December 22, 2018, parts of the federal government shutdown and it is estimated that approximately 800,000 federal employees throughout the country, including approximately 3,000 Nevadans, are being financially impacted;

WHEREAS on January 13, 2019, Governor of the State of Nevada Steve Sisolak issued a letter to Board of Regents Chairman Kevin Page and NSHE Chancellor Thom Reilly requesting that NSHE take immediate action to financially assist those higher education students who are currently enrolled for the Spring 2019 Semester and are financially impacted by the shutdown;

WHEREAS fees and/or tuition for the Spring 2019 Semester are due on January 18, 2019, for those students enrolled and currently planning to attend the University of Nevada, Las Vegas or the University of Nevada, Reno;

WHEREAS fees and/or tuition for the Spring 2019 Semester are due at the several other NSHE institutions soon thereafter;

WHEREAS Title 4, Chapter 16, Section 10, Subsection 3 of the NSHE Handbook provides that late fees shall be assessed against university students for fees and/or tuition that are not paid by the established due date;

WHEREAS Title 4, Chapter 17, Section 20 provides that late fees shall be assessed against for fees and/or tuition not paid by the established due date;

WHEREAS those federal workers who are themselves students, parents of students, or otherwise financially support students within NSHE should not be discouraged or prevented from attending courses for the Spring 2019 Semester due to financial hardship caused by the shutdown, otherwise impacting the access and success of those NSHE students;

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that, in order to assist those students who depend on a federal paycheck and are financially impacted by the shutdown, the Board of Regents hereby directs the Presidents of NSHE institutions to temporarily defer the fees and/or tuition and permanently waive any late penalty associated with that deferral for those students who are enrolled in courses for the Spring 2019 Semester and who can reasonably show that they are a federal worker impacted by the shutdown or are the financial dependent of a federal worker impacted by the shutdown;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Regents hereby directs the Presidents of NSHE institutions to explore all options for emergency financial assistance that may be available to students who may have to withdraw from courses due to financial hardship from the shutdown;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this directive shall remain in effect until the last day of courses for the Spring 2019 Semester or 30 days after the shutdown ends, whichever is sooner; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Regents hereby directs the Chancellor to work with the Presidents of NSHE institutions to immediately take all reasonable and necessary actions to implement this Resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this ____ day of January 2019.

Chairman
Board of Regents of the
Nevada System of Higher Education

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Attest:

Chief of Staff and Special Counsel
to the Board of Regents