

# Press Release

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## **NORSTATE STEPS IN TO ASSIST FURLOUGHED FEDERAL WORKERS**

**AROOSTOOK COUNTY** – NorState FCU is lending a helping hand to furloughed federal workers who find themselves without work or working for free with Congress unable to pass legislation to fund all of the government.

NorState FCU which serves all of Aroostook and northern Penobscot Counties is offering their help until the government is reopened.

The credit union is supporting members and new members affected by the shutdown by providing fee and loan assistance to workers who are furloughed federal workers or have been negatively impacted by the shutdown.

“NorState is proud to support our members who are facing a financial challenge due to the government shutdown,” says NorState CEO Susan Whitehead. “It is consistent with our credit union philosophy of people-helping-people and our promise to our members of being a caring team, who takes a caring approach to provide caring solutions.”

At NorState Federal Credit union, we are offering loan modifications, financial coaching, zero, low rate or short term loans to help our federally employed neighbors get through.

Qualified federal employees who have a loan from NorState can apply for relief or apply for a new, low rate short term loan to get them through until the government is back up and running..

In a statement, Brenda Chasse, vice president of lending of NorState, said the program can help reduce the financial stress to federal workers.

“Our members and communities are our highest priority and we will be there for them for the duration of the shutdown and beyond,” she said.

In addition to the loan options, members can come in and speak to credit union representatives about all financial options and services available to them and get some coaching on how to fiscally survive the shutdown.