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TOWN BOARD APPROVES PROPERTY TAX EXTENSION TO FEDERAL EMPLOYEES AFFECTED BY GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

On Tuesday night the Town Board approved a resolution that allows an extension of property tax payments for federal employees affected by the government shutdown. Riverhead joins the Towns of Brookhaven, Babylon, and Huntington, as well as Suffolk County, in offering this assistance to those federal employees who had to work without pay during the shutdown.

Supervisor Laura Jens-Smith said, "Working families should not have to suffer because of the dysfunction in Washington. This is something that can make a real difference as these workers get back on their feet. Our neighbors were the unfortunate victims of national politics, and this shows that government can still help people on the local level."

By opting into this state law, the Town of Riverhead is extending their deadline to pay property taxes for furloughed and unpaid federal workers from January 10th to April 25th. This extension would also apply to the spouses of those workers affected.

Town Tax Receiver Laurie Zaneski said, "This gives us the option of being able to offer relief to those who were affected by the shutdown. In terms of day-to-day operation of my office having that flexibility is important in being able to provide services to our residents."

Extensions will be granted automatically to affected federal employees, but those applying must notify the Tax Receiver's Office that they are seeking the extension. Proof of employment must also be provided.