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FURLOUGHED FEDERAL WORKERS OFFERED FREE MEALS AT IKEA ELIZABETH

ELIZABETH, NJ— January 23, 2019 — Earlier today, Mayor J. Christian Bollwage announced that free meals are being offered at IKEA Elizabeth to Federal workers who are working without pay in the midst of the longest government shutdown in history with no end in sight.

“As the longest government shutdown in history hits the 33-day mark, IKEA Elizabeth is making efforts to relieve some of the stress on those affected, said Olivia Johnson. “We are offering free breakfast in our Restaurant for all Federal Government workers. IKEA Elizabeth has close ties with the local community and is eager to get involved.”

Starting January 22, 2019, free breakfast will be accessible to all employees who show valid Federal Government identification in the IKEA Elizabeth Restaurant, located at 1000 IKEA Drive in Elizabeth.

The free meal includes the breakfast combo, which is a small breakfast, Swedish American breakfast, or Breakfast sandwich as well as coffee, tea or a fountain drink. The offer is valid Sunday through Saturday, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and is limited to one breakfast per ID.

“I would like to thank IKEA Elizabeth for wanting to do something to make life a little easier on those affected by this shutdown,” said Mayor J. Christian Bollwage. “This is a time that Federal employees need our help and this is the type of solidarity and kindness that our community in Elizabeth really stands for.”

The partial U.S. government shutdown began on December 22, 2018, over the President Trump’s demand for over \$5 billion in funding for a border wall with Mexico. It has left roughly 800,000 federal employees temporarily out of work or working without pay. It is the longest shutdown in U.S. history and the second of Trump's tenure as president.

For more information, please visit <https://www.ikea.com/us/en/store/elizabeth/offers> or contact Olivia Johnson from IKEA at Olivia.Johnson@IKEA.com.