



Governor Michael J. Dunleavy
State of Alaska

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Dear State Employees,

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As you know, the Legislature did not pass an operating budget during the 121 Day regular session. I called for an immediate special session to allow for the Legislature to get a budget passed.

We are now two weeks into that special session with no budget as yet.

While I have every hope that Legislative leaders will address their prime obligation under the Constitution to approve a budget, the possibility exists that the Legislature may fail to do so before this Special Session ends.

Alaska law and collective bargaining agreements address the notice requirement of possible furloughs or lay-offs. The requirement is that most employees receive ten working days notice from the end of the fiscal year. If the Legislature is still unable to pass an operating budget by June 14, notices will have to be sent to employees.

We continue to hope that the Legislature will fulfill its constitutional duty and pass an operating budget.

In the meantime, rather than be distracted by Legislative inaction, I ask each of you to join me in focusing on doing our duty as public servants serving the People of Alaska.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Dunleavy
Governor of Alaska