

**FAILED Proposed Resolution of the Graham County Republican Party
in opposition to
the Governors expansion of Medicaid (AHCCCS) in support of Obamacare.**

Whereas, The Voters of Arizona clearly expressed their will to reject implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ObamaCare) when they voted to amend the Arizona Constitution via Proposition 106 in 2010. The State of Arizona cannot afford to be saddled with the costs of implementing this federal program, AND the People of Arizona do not support Obamacare, assisting in the implementation of Obamacare, or subsidizing the Federal Government's implementation Obamacare with State funds.

Whereas, The "assessment" on hospitals is in reality just a tax - and worse yet a hidden tax - that will ultimately be passed on to all hospital patients in higher costs. A tax increase requires super-majority approval in the legislature, and labeling it as an "assessment" is a disingenuous attempt to skirt that requirement.

Whereas, No government entitlement program has ever effectively been scaled back, or eliminated, or held within its initial cost projections. The long term and evolving costs of the Obamacare Medicaid Expansion will surely bankrupt Arizona just as surely as Obamacare will bankrupt the USA..

Whereas, The US Supreme Court explicitly ruled that each State is free to reject implementation of the Obamacare Medicaid Expansion and Insurance Exchanges. These two programs are the cornerstone of the Affordable Care Act. Without implementation of these programs Obamacare collapses as a practical functioning program. The Federal government is incapable of implementing these programs by 2014 or even 2016 without the local organization, legwork, and financial subsidies by the States. Thus the fastest and most efficient means to end Obamacare is simply for each State to refuse to do the Federal Governments job for them and allow them to fail.

Whereas, Governor Brewer touts AHCCCS as the conservative model for Medicaid and encourages us to expand the program to show the other states how to do it right. We believe **There is no such thing as a conservative model for expanding Socialism**. Supporting the big government takeover of our health care system, even for a short term gift of federal funds, does NOT reflect the values of the Republican Party or the interests of the taxpayers of Arizona.

Therefore it is Resolved:

We, the Members at Large of the Graham County Republican Party affirm and declare our opposition to the Governor's plan to expand Medicaid in support of Obamacare.

In Conclusion:

While we applaud Governor Brewer's decision to stand firm against the Exchanges, we oppose her support for the Medicaid expansion. We urge Governor Brewer, and all Republican legislators, to hold the line against enabling the socialist takeover of our health care system and insurance industry by supporting the medicaid expansion. Do not sell out our Republican principles and our birthright of Liberty for a bowl of lentils and the promise of 3 years funding that will benefit a few special interests at the cost of our State sovereignty and our core Republican values. We will adamantly oppose those who compromise our core values for short term political expediency. Governor Brewer is correct that "elections have consequences". She is wrong in believing that it means that we must roll over and forsake our core values as the Arizona Republican Party whenever Republicans lose a national race.

Failed to pass 32-12 at the regular monthly meeting of the Graham County Republican Committee held on March 8, 2013.