A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA REPUBLICAN PARTY STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SUPPORTING SENATOR TED CRUZ AND HIS EFFORTS IN THE U.S. SENATE TO DEFUND THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT, ALSO KNOWN AS OBAMACARE, AND RESPECTFULLY APPEALING TO SOUTH CAROLINA'S SENIOR SENATOR LINDSEY GRAHAM AND SOUTH CAROLINA'S JUNIOR SENATOR TIM SCOTT, TO ACTIVELY AND ENTHUSIASTICALLY SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF SENATOR CRUZ

Passed September 26, 2013 by a unanimous vote of the South Carolina Republican Party State Executive Committee

WHEREAS the South Carolina Republican Party Platform has been consistent for many years that health care should remain in the hands of citizens, not bureaucrats; and,

WHEREAS the South Carolina Republican Party platform has been consistent for many years in its support of smaller government; and,

WHEREAS ObamaCare will result in the IRS alone hiring more than 12,000 new agents to "ensure compliance," while more and more regular Americans lose full-time work by the day; and,

WHEREAS the implementation of ObamaCare has already prompted large corporations like UPS, Home Depot, Wal-Mart and others to dramatically revamp or eliminate their employee health care plans, and reduce workers to part-time status to avoid ObamaCare's draconian mandates, causing great suffering for middle-class American families; and,

WHEREAS the average family of four will spend an additional \$4,000 annually in health care costs by 2016 if ObamaCare is implemented; and,

WHEREAS government will collect more than \$1.3 TRILLION in new taxes over the next decade on everything from prescription drugs and private insurance plans to medical device manufacturers; and,

WHEREAS there are other options to provide the underprivileged with cost-effective health care; namely, the Republican Study Committee's "American Health Care Reform Act," which, according to Louisiana Rep. Steve Scalise, committee chairman, "dramatically opens up options for families, and dramatically lowers costs" compared to ObamaCare; and,

WHEREAS ObamaCare should more correctly be called the health care insurance profit protection act, as the federal government forces free people, under the cover of a convoluted Supreme Court decision, to buy a product from a private company - which is fundamentally un-American, unconstitutional, and anathema to a country that was built on free market principles; and,

WHEREAS many candidates campaigned on the premise that ObamaCare could be "repealed and replaced." With that option having been exhausted, now every possible measure to derail this now commonly called "trainwreck" needs to be explored, including defunding. If government shutting down for a period of time results in the elimination of the Affordable Care Act, that is a price the majority of Americans are willing to pay; now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the South Carolina Republican Party State Executive Committee extends its gratitude to the Republican members of the U.S. House delegation from South Carolina, which stood together in unity to vote for a continuing resolution that did not commit taxpayers to fund the budget-busting provisions of ObamaCare; and be it further

RESOLVED that the South Carolina Republican Party State Executive Committee respectfully appeals to Senator Lindsey Graham and Senator Tim Scott, asking them to actively and enthusiastically support the efforts of Senator Ted Cruz and block the implementation of the Affordable Care Act with their actions in the U.S. Senate. Specifically, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid is expected to present an amendment to the House Continuing Resolution (CR) to remove House language to defund ObamaCare; and be it further

RESOLVED that the South Carolina Republican Party State Executive Committee calls upon Senators Graham and Scott, as well as all members of the United States Senate, to vote to adopt a budget which fully funds our nation's key spending priorities without providing funding for provisions of ObamaCare, as well as to take all actions necessary achieve this outcome; and be it further

RESOLVED that the South Carolina Republican Party State Executive Committee calls upon Senators Graham and Scott to continue to voice their positions on this issue at the soonest possible opportunity for the benefit of their constituents and work to achieve maximum transparency in the legislative process with regard to the Continuing Resolution, so actions both in support of and opposition to the Continuing Resolution are fully known and all members of Congress can be held accountable for their actions.