

RESOLUTION C

Regarding the implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) in the State of Kansas

Whereas, the position of Kansas is that the Affordable Care Act (ACA) is unconstitutional and Kansas has filed a law suit in the federal District Court of Florida on such basis,

Whereas, the Governor has said that the ACA is unconstitutional and the citizens of Kansas should be protected from such law,

Whereas, the District Court of Florida held that the ACA is entirely unconstitutional but, due to the fact that eight of the plaintiff states indicated they would continue with the implementation of ACA in spite of the court's ruling, the judge would not maintain a stay on the federal government's implementation of ACA,

Whereas, the Governor recently announced that Kansas would return Early Innovator Grant (EIG) money designated to develop systems to support ACA state health exchanges,

Whereas, acceptance by Kansas of any monies authorized under the ACA or for purposes of studying, designing, developing or implementing an ACA-compliant exchange or any component part of an ACA-compliant exchange, including those components related to Medicaid, is inconsistent with and detrimental to Kansas' position including in its law suit and of its sovereign rights and those of its citizens,

Whereas, the support in any way of a law considered unconstitutional is inconsistent with state officials' oath to support the U.S. Constitution,

Therefore, it is resolved that the Kansas Republican Party, in the strongest possible terms, rejects all parts of the ACA as unconstitutional and in contravention of the rights of the people and the Tenth Amendment-affirmed sovereignty of the state of Kansas, and that any and all efforts thereof by any government agency, entity, or elected representative in the state of Kansas to study, develop or implement an ACA-compliant exchange or any component part, including those ACA-compliant components related to Medicaid, must be immediately halted.

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