

*Resolutions passed February 27, 2016 by the Alabama Republican State Executive Committee:*

**Resolution No. 2016-02**

**Resolution Supporting the Alabama Application for an Article V Convention of the States**

WHEREAS, the Framers of the Constitution of the United States of America empowered State Legislatures to be guardians of liberty against future abuses of power by the federal government; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has created a crushing national debt through improper and imprudent spending; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has invaded the legitimate roles of the states through the manipulative process of federal mandates, most of which are, to a great extent, unfunded; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has ceased to live under a proper interpretation of the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, it is the solemn duty of the States to protect the liberty of their people-particularly for the generations to come; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Legislature, carrying out its duty to protect the liberty of the people of Alabama, passed Act 2015-222 which makes application, under Article V, for a Convention of States limited to proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States that impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the terms of office for its officials and for members of Congress; and

WHEREAS, this application constitutes a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States until the legislatures of at least two thirds of the several states have made application on the same subject.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Alabama Republican Party Executive Committee that it supports the application for a Convention of States in Act 2015-222 and further, it urges the Alabama Legislature to enact legislation which:

Provides for the selection of an uneven number of Commissioners to represent Alabama at said Convention of States to ensure that our vote therein is counted, and establishes the commission of these Commissioners in such detail and with penalties and recall provisions as may be necessary to fulfill this and all forthcoming calls for a convention of states to propose amendments to the Constitution of the United States of America.

*Submitted by Don Ammons, Jefferson County*

## Resolution No 2016-04

### Resolution of the Alabama Republican Executive Committee Against Medicaid Expansion under the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare)

WHEREAS, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) is diametrically opposed to our Platform which begins, “We are the party of maximum economic freedom and the prosperity freedom makes possible,” and forces Alabamians to buy only government-approved health insurance policies, depriving them of the freedom to choose plans with the coverage they desire; and

WHEREAS, not a single Congressional Republican voted for Obamacare and Republican legislative candidates repeatedly promise voters they will fight the Obama agenda with vigor; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alabama joined other states in suing against the Individual Mandate and the coercive Expansion of Medicaid contained in the law (*NFIB, et al. v. Sebelius*), successfully gaining the ability to opt out of Expansion; and

WHEREAS, President Obama’s repeated statements that Alabamians would see lower health care premiums and could keep their existing health insurance plans are demonstrably false, and Obamacare is instead an obvious attempt to destroy private health insurance plans altogether and institute an entirely government-run health insurance system; and

WHEREAS, Obamacare has led to drastic increases in insurance premiums for Alabamians, fewer employment opportunities for those seeking work, harsh and expensive fines for those who cannot afford insurance or prefer not to buy it; and

WHEREAS, Obamacare imposes numerous additional taxes, including a new tax of 3.8% on investment income which reduces the incentive to invest and start businesses, further stifling Alabama’s economic recovery; and

WHEREAS, Republican voters are extremely distrustful of Obamacare (and the unseemly manner in which it was passed), a recent survey of this Committee showed nearly three-quarters oppose expansion, and numerous Republican presidential candidates are promising to fully repeal and replace Obamacare if elected; and

WHEREAS, Expanding Medicaid would constitute a severe violation of the 2012 Republican Platform, which states:

- “Our vision of an opportunity society stands in stark contrast to...(Obama’s)policies that expand entitlements...That road has created a culture of dependency, bloated government, and massive debt.” (page 1)

- “In many states, Medicaid’s mandates and inflexible bureaucracy have become a budgetary black hold, growing faster than most other budget lines and devouring funding for many other essential governmental functions.” (page 22)
- (Obamacare) “would tremendously expand Medicaid without significant reform, leaving the States to assume unsustainable financial burdens.” (page 32)
- “In healthcare, as in any other sector of the economy, genuine competition is the best guarantee of better care at lower cost.” (page 22)
- “Taxes, by their very nature, reduce a citizen’s freedom.” (page 10)

WHEREAS, Governor Robert Bentley correctly labeled the ACA the “Anything -but- Affordable-Care Act” in his 2014 State of the State Address and outlined the dangers of Expansion, including a sharp rise in the dependency on government and additional Federal debt that will drive up taxes on Alabamians; and

WHEREAS, After Governor Robert Bentley ran for office as a Republican in 2014, publicly and repeatedly stating his opposition to Medicaid Expansion and Obamacare, and leading Alabamians to believe he fully opposed Expansion and that he was genuinely different from his Democratic opponent on this issue; and

WHEREAS, after Governor Robert Bentley’s re-election, he has continually changed his position on expansion, has discussed expansion with Obama’s Secretary of Health and Human Services, now seems open to taxes to fund expansion and says, “we’ve got to look at a funding stream if we’re going to do it” and took the further step of appointing Democrats and liberal activists to his “Task Force” who were pre-disposed to recommend expansion and did not consider it in an objective manner; and

WHEREAS, 22 percent of Alabamians are already eligible for Medicaid, 36 percent of Alabama’s General Fund currently is spent on Medicaid, paying for expansion will likely involve new taxes or fees, and expansion will make Obamacare more difficult to repeal,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Alabama Republican Executive Committee expressly urges Governor Robert Bentley to cease considering and/or promoting Medicaid Expansion (in any form) and calls on all Republican members of the Alabama Legislature to oppose Medicaid Expansion should it ever come to a vote in the Legislature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we, the members of the Alabama Republican Executive Committee, are fully committed to repealing Obamacare and to promoting and defending the Platform of the Republican Party.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be sent to Alabama Governor Robert Bentley, Alabama Lieutenant Governor Kay Ivey, Alabama Senate Pro Tempore Del Marsh, Alabama State House of Representatives Speaker Mike Hubbard, and to all Republican members of Alabama’s Congressional Delegation.

*Submitted by Andrew Sorrell, Fifth District Vice-Chairman, ALGOP, and Mathew Sorrell, Committee Member from Lauderdale County*

**Resolution No. 2016-05**

**Resolution to Urge the Implementation of Political Party Registration in Alabama**

WHEREAS, CLOSED PRIMARIES REQUIRE VOTERS TO REGISTER AS Republican or Democrat, and allow unaffiliated voters to vote only in the general election; and

WHEREAS, it is widely believed that Democrats have run and will run for office as Republicans, that they have voted and will again vote in Republican primaries, and that they will vote for RINOs who agree with their political agenda; and

WHEREAS, Democrats remain influential and unite to actively work for their candidates while conservative Republican voters are usually split on candidates, thus raising a likelihood that Democrats (unless protections are put into place) will be a major factor in the 2016 and subsequent Republican primaries; and

WHEREAS, party registration would allow only registered Republicans to vote in a Republican primary, prevent crossover voting, and establish a record of party affiliations of candidates,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Alabama Republican Party Executive Committee strongly urges all Republican legislative members to approve legislation in the 2016 legislative session to require political party registration to vote in Republican and Democrat primaries.

*Submitted by David Ozment (Cullman County)*

**Resolution No. 2016-07**

**Resolution of the Alabama Republican Executive Committee Regarding Gun Free Zones**

WHEREAS, the majority of mass shootings happen in what are designated “gun free zones: including the following events in the past 2 years:

- December 2, 2015 – San Bernardino, CA – 14 killed, 22 injured – county building
- October 1, 2015 – Umpqua Community College in Roseburg, OR – 9 killed, 9 injured.
- July 16, 2015 – Chattanooga, TN – 5 killed, 3 wounded – military recruiting Center and Navy/Marine training facility
- June 18, 2015 – Charleston, SC – 9 killed – Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church
- May 23, 2014 – Isla Vista, CA – 6 killed, 7 injured – University of CA Santa Barbara campus area

WHEREAS, evidence left behind by these mass shooters has shown that these attacks are carefully planned and locations are picked because they are soft targets; and

WHEREAS, these mass murderers expect to die in the attack either at the hands of law enforcement or by suicide and want to kill as many people as possible during the attack; and

WHEREAS, it is not possible for law enforcement to protect every citizen and every public location; and

WHEREAS, citizens with concealed weapons or easy access to weapons have stopped or decreased the number of deaths in these attacks; and

WHEREAS, it is not possible to stop these acts of violence, but the number of casualties can be greatly reduced by an armed citizenry or the possibility of being met with resistance by an armed citizen

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that we urge all public officials to realize that gun free zones are a common denominator in all of the mass murders and is the one item most easily controlled; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we urge all public officials at the local, state, and federal levels to eliminate all gun free zones, including but not limited to churches, school campuses, military recruiting centers, military bases, movie theaters, shopping centers, etc.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Alabama Republican Party is hereby directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Governor of Alabama, to the Speaker of the Alabama House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Alabama Senate, all Alabama members of the U.S. House and Senate, and the major news outlets in Alabama.

*Submitted by Elbert Peters and Julie Clausen, 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District.*

**Resolution No. 2016-08**  
**Resolution Opposing the Expansion of Gambling**

WHEREAS, the Alabama Republican Executive Committee affirms the following:

WHEREAS, we believe that as Republicans we should always strive to do that which is right; and

WHEREAS, we believe that our representative form of government is the best ever devised for the governing of free people; and

WHEREAS, we oppose all forms of gambling; that the social and societal costs from gambling will far exceed the revenue the state would receive from gambling.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Alabama Republican Executive Committee that we call for all Republican members of the State Senate and the State House to oppose and vote against all bills which propose and/or allow an expansion of gambling of any form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon passage, this Resolution be sent to the Governor, and to all Republican members of the State Senate and the State House.

*Submitted by Steven D. King*

**Resolution No. 2016-09**  
**Resolution Opposing the Raising of Taxes**

WHEREAS, the Alabama Republican Executive Committee affirms the following:

WHEREAS, we believe that as Republicans we should always strive to do that which is right; and

WHEREAS, we believe that our representative form of government is the best ever devised for the governing of free people; and

WHEREAS, we believe that the citizens of this State are taxed enough and that the State Legislature should not increase the tax burden on the citizens of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, we specifically oppose any increase of gasoline taxes, person income taxes and taxes on businesses.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Alabama Republican Executive Committee that we call for all Republican members of the State Senate and the State House to oppose and vote against all bills which propose an increase of taxes and/or which will result in the increase of taxes upon the citizens of Alabama; and

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED that upon passage, this Resolution be sent to the Governor, and to all Republican members of the State Senate and the State House.

*Submitted by Steven D. King*

**Resolution 2016-10**  
**Resolution Commending Specific Congressional Delegation Members**

WHEREAS, the Alabama Republican Executive Committee is an organization that believes in limited government, and opposes higher taxes; and

WHEREAS, we the Alabama Republican Executive Committee believe in low taxes and fiscal responsibility; and

WHEREAS, on or about December 16, 2015, the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate passed the Omnibus Appropriations Budget Bill for FY2016; and

WHEREAS, said Omnibus Budget Bill will increase the deficit, allows continued funding of Planned Parenthood, allows for funding the EPA's new water rules, and allows funding for President Obama's Executive Order on Syrian refugees; and

WHEREAS, said Omnibus Budget Bill is irresponsible and will continue policies which will result in the deaths of innocent United States Citizens; and

WHEREAS, Senator Richard Shelby and Senator Jeff Sessions voted against said Omnibus Budget Bill; and

WHEREAS, five (5) of the six (6) Alabama Republican members of the United States House of Representatives voted against the said Omnibus Budget Bill; and

WHEREAS, these members are: Congressman Bradley Byrne, Congressman Mike Rogers, Congressman Martha Roby, Congressman Mo Brooks, and Congressman Gary Palmer.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that we, the members of the Alabama Republican Executive Committee, applaud and commend the above named members of the Alabama Republican Congressional Delegation for the courage and conviction in standing up to irresponsible government, and deficit spending; and

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED that we, the members of the Alabama Republican Executive Committee, strongly encourage all Republican members of the Alabama Congressional Delegation to follow the leadership of the above named members and stand for limited and responsible government.

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED that upon passage, this Resolution be sent to all Republican members of the Alabama Congressional Delegation.

*Submitted by Steven D. King*

**Resolution 2016-11**  
**Resolution of the Alabama Republican Party**

**Calling for the Approval of Bill to Prohibit Abortion Clinics Within 2,000 feet of any**

WHEREAS, under the Republican Party Platform, “we assert the sanctity of human life and affirm that the unborn child has a fundamental individual right to life which cannot be infringed,” (Republican Platform 2012); and

WHEREAS, there are 2 schools located in an area, zoned for residential, within 2,000 feet of an abortion clinic in Huntsville, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, over 55 million babies have been aborted in America since 1973; and

WHEREAS, approximately 9,000 babies are being aborted in America since 1973; and

WHEREAS, this represents over 23 abortions on a daily basis, roughly equivalent to the size of an elementary school class,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Alabama Republican Party that we call on passage of legislation to prohibit issuing of any new licenses, or reissuance of the same, to abortion providers located within 2,000 feet of an established public or private school within the State of Alabama, and urge final approval by the legislature and Governor as soon as possible in the next legislative session.

*Submitted by James Henderson, Huntsville and Don Wallace, Tuscaloosa*

**Resolution 2016-12**  
**Resolution of the Alabama Republican Party**  
**Call for the Impeachment of Federal Judges**

WHEREAS, Federal Judge Ginny Granade improperly exceeded her authority and overruled the Alabama Marriage Protection Act, and the related Alabama Constitutional Amendment, in effect legalizing homosexual marriage in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Federal Judge Myron Thompson exceeded his authority in over ruling provisions of the Alabama Women’s Health and Safety Act negating the provision that abortion clinics should have local doctors available for abortion related emergencies,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Alabama Republican Party that the Alabama Congressional delegation pursue impeachment charges against both in accordance with Articles II and III of the U.S. Constitution.

*Submitted by James Henderson, Morgan County, and Don Wallace, Tuscaloosa County*



