

Preserve & Improve the *Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act*

Whereas: The 110th Congress passed the *Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act*, which President Obama signed into law on March 23, 2010; and

Whereas: The *Affordable Care Act* currently provides important benefits to millions including:

- Families with children with preconditions are no longer denied Insurance Coverage;
- Young Adults, 18 to 26, may be covered under their parents’ Insurance Plan;
- Elder Americans, with large Part D Medicare Drug Costs are seeing lower costs; the “Donut Hole” will be completely closed by 2020;
- Those without coverage for 6 months are now eligible for High Risk Pool Insurance;
- The addition of required Preventive Services for Medicare and all other Patients; and

Whereas: The *Affordable Care Act* will add additional benefits every year through 2020, including:

- Insurance Exchanges which will lower premium costs in 2014, and be available to all; and

Whereas: By 2014, 35 million Americans, now lacking Health Care, will be Insured; and

Whereas: The *Affordable Care Act* will Improve the Quality of Care by encouraging Best Practices, expanding Prevention Services, increasing Primary Care; and

Whereas: *Affordable Care Act* will increase the number of Primary Care Providers by paying more for their services and reducing their educational debts; and

Whereas: The *Affordable Care Act* will eliminate all Preconditions, all Annual and Lifetime payment Caps, require private insurance companies to spend 80 to 85% of premiums on Health Care and justify to the Department of Health and Human Services, premium increases over 10%; and

Whereas: A Republican victory for President, or the Senate and Congress may result in the Repeal of the *Affordable Care Act*, the Privatizing of Medicare, the Elimination of Medicaid, and a further increase in uninsured people whose only access to medical care will be through the already overburdened Emergency Room system in this country; and

Whereas: Republican victories in 2012 will suppress the chance of improving upon the *Affordable Care Act* through the Passage of **Improved Medicare for All** Legislation that would

assure Universal Access to all necessary care; lower medical care costs, **and** improved Quality of Care for All Americans.

Therefore, Be It

Resolved: That the Arizona Democratic Party Endorse the ***Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act***, passed by Congress, and signed into law in 2010 by President Obama; and be it further

Resolved: That the Arizona Democratic Party recommend to all Democrats running for office in 2012, that they speak out frequently during their campaign in support of the ***Affordable Care Act***, and demonstrate to Voters what will be lost if Republicans are elected to the Presidency, the Senate or the House; and be it further

Resolved: That the Democratic Party print and distribute to Arizona Voters, Information showing all the Benefits that they have received since the passage of the ***Affordable Care Act***, and those that they will receive as time moves forward; and be it further

Resolved: That All Democratic Candidates, and the Arizona Democratic Party, educate AZ Voters about the plans of Republicans to eliminate Medicaid, Privatize Medicare, reduce regulations that obligate private insurance companies to use premiums for health care services, and return the US Health Care System to the Costly, low Quality system of the past where 50 million citizens were denied Access to care through no fault of their own, simply because they were unable to afford the unnecessarily expensive premiums imposed on the public by private insurance companies whose primary concern was increasing their own profits at the expense of their subscribers.; And be it further

Resolved: That the Arizona Democratic Party and all Arizona Democratic candidates work for additions to and the expansion of the ***Patient Protection and Accountable Care Act*** by providing universal coverage for all, under an improved “Medicare for All” program.