

**A RESOLUTION OF  
THE SOUTH CAROLINA REPUBLICAN PARTY STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
SUPPORTING GOVERNOR NIKKI HALEY’S TAX REFORM PLAN**

*Passed by the State Executive Committee – January 24, 2015*

**WHEREAS**, the condition of South Carolina’s road system continues to deteriorate at much cost to taxpayers, businesses, and families who’ve lost loved ones due to poor maintenance; and

**WHEREAS**, South Carolina’s Department of Transportation (DOT) needs structural reforms to both its leadership and operations, so the condition of South Carolina’s roads is no longer driven by short-sighted regionalism and political horse trading, and they stop wasting our tax money; and

**WHEREAS**, South Carolina’s high personal income tax rate (7%) impacts almost all taxpayers and makes our state uncompetitive among nearby states; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Nikki Haley presented an innovative tax reform plan at her 2015 “State of the State” address that will require the DOT to be reformed and the personal income tax to be lowered before the gas tax is increased; and

**WHEREAS**, all gas tax revenue must then be dedicated entirely to improving our roads; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor’s tax plan will take us from 38th in income tax competitiveness to 13th nationally; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor’s tax plan brings relief to South Carolina taxpayers and is one of the largest tax cuts in state history; and

**WHEREAS**, we will have better roads and a stronger economic engine for our people; therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the South Carolina Republican Party State Executive Committee calls on the General Assembly to work in a spirit of cooperation with Governor Nikki Haley and pass the Governor’s complete tax reform plan as presented, without changes.