



**Republican  
National  
Committee**

**RESOLUTION TO RESTORE STATE SHARE OF MINERAL ROYALTIES**

**Whereas**, the federal government owns approximately 640 million acres of land, with most of this acreage in the western U.S. and Alaska; and

**Whereas**, the Federal government receives royalties from leasable minerals produced on federal lands; and

**Whereas**, the Obama Administration contends that The Budget Control Act of 2011 mandates an across-the-board 5.1 percent sequester reduction, including revenue (royalty) payments to states; and

**Whereas**, this novel interpretation means that about \$110 million will be withheld from states where energy production occurs on federal lands during the remainder of the fiscal year; and

**Whereas**, this loss of revenue stream will impact many state programs dependent on the royalty income; and

**Whereas**, this novel interpretation could be extended to other revenue payments to states, such as highway funds; therefore be it

**Resolved**, the Republican National Committee urges that these revenue payments not be subject to sequester reductions.

*As adopted by the Republican National Committee on April 12, 2013.*