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### STATEMENT OF INSURANCE COMMISSIONER RALPH HUDGENS ON U.S SUPREME COURT DECISION ON PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

**Atlanta** – Insurance Commissioner Ralph Hudgens issued the following statement today following the decision by the U.S. Supreme Court to uphold the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

“I am disappointed by this ruling, and unlike the narrow majority of the court, I believe the individual mandate to be unconstitutional. This decision constitutes a significant erosion of individual freedom and expands the power of the federal government. Obamacare limits state flexibility and fails to make room for free market solutions. It was the wrong law when it was passed and is the wrong law now. In my opinion, this law will lead to increased cost, less consumer choice, and a reduction in the quality of care. That is why I urge the U.S. Congress to repeal and replace Obamacare with policies that provide market-based solutions which make sense for taxpayers. The choice is now with the American people on this issue, and they will have the ultimate say in November.”

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