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## **Governor Brewer to Encourage Arizona Board of Regents' Support of FY14 State Budget and Medicaid Proposal at Upcoming Meeting**

### ***Regents Will Vote on a Resolution of Support Following Governor's Remarks***

(Tempe, Ariz.) – In remarks before the Arizona Board of Regents at its upcoming meeting this week, Governor Jan Brewer will encourage the Board to support her FY14 state budget proposal and Medicaid expansion plan. The FY14 budget recommends \$58.6 million in new money for Arizona's public universities. The Medicaid proposal will bring \$1.6 billion to the state in enhanced federal matching funds which will greatly reduce pressure on the state budget and constitutional priorities such as higher education.

Governor Brewer has made the universities a major priority in her FY14 budget. The increase in state support represents an 8.2 percent increase from the prior year and nearly one-fourth of her recommended statewide operating budget increase. The Governor's proposal for higher education funding is made possible by her expansion plan for Arizona's Medicaid program, the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS), under the federal "Affordable Care Act" that frees up general fund dollars to be redirected for education.

The Board will vote on a resolution of support of the budget and Medicaid expansion plan following the Governor's remarks.

Governor Brewer will be available for brief media interviews following the presentation.

**Who:** Governor Jan Brewer

**What:** Governor Brewer will make remarks encouraging Arizona Board of Regents' support of FY14 state budget and Medicaid proposal.

The Board will vote on a resolution of support of the budget and Medicaid expansion plan following Governor's remarks.

**When:** Thursday, February 7, 2013, 11:45 a.m.

**Where:** Arizona State University, Tempe Campus  
Memorial Union, Turquoise Room

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