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GUBERNATORIAL SUCCESSIONS INCREASED EACH DECADE SINCE 1980 **Up-to-date research on gubernatorial succession is at www.nlga.us**

An updated research piece from the National Lieutenant Governors Association (NLGA) shows the number of gubernatorial successions increased each decade from 1980 – 2009. “NLGA’s “Gubernatorial Succession Data: 1980 – current” answers the question: How often do seconds-in-command succeed to governor?” says NLGA Director Julia Hurst.

From 1980 – 1989, four gubernatorial successions occurred. From 1990 – 1999, nine gubernatorial successions occurred. From 2000 – 2009, twenty-two gubernatorial successions occurred.*

Seven gubernatorial successions occurred to date in the decade 2010 – 2019. “The first gubernatorial succession of 2018 occurred this week when Kansas Governor Jeff Colyer succeeded,” said NLGA Director Julia Hurst.

Kansas Governor Jeff Colyer becomes the twelfth (12th) sitting governor who was first a NLGA member. “These include the governors of Alabama, Delaware, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina, South Dakota, Utah, and Vermont,” said NLGA Associate Director Kellie Wise. “Nearly a quarter (24%) of sitting governors were first a member of the NLGA.”

The research is posted in its entirety at www.nlga.us.

** That tally includes the “Five-Governors-in-a-Day” experience in New Jersey as one succession.*

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who are first in line of gubernatorial succession.*