



## National Lieutenant Governors Association

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### **Utah Lt. Governor Deidre Henderson Nationally Recognized with “NLGA Improving Lives and Communities Award”**

**April 24, 2024, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina** – Utah Lt. Governor Deidre Henderson was recognized today as the 2024 winner of the “Improving Lives and Communities Award,” presented by the National Lieutenant Governors Association (NLGA) in partnership with Elevance Health. The award is presented annually to a lieutenant governor or second-in-command in state government who has demonstrated a commitment to addressing the social drivers of health to enhance the health and wellbeing of constituents and communities.



“It’s an honor to work with partners and stakeholders in Utah on important issues such as domestic violence, infrastructure, and community service,” said Lt. Governor Henderson. “Thank you NLGA and Elevance Health for this honor and for highlighting what we are doing to help Utah’s vulnerable populations.”

During her tenure as lieutenant governor, Lt. Governor Henderson has been a champion for domestic violence victims. By implementing life-saving reforms to the way law enforcement in Utah responds to domestic violence between intimate partners, she has spearheaded the effort for the State of Utah to invest a historic amount of resources to domestic violence victims’ services. Lt. Governor Henderson’s passion, fueled by personal experiences, led to the creation of a new program that facilitates cross-jurisdictional analysis, situational assessments by law enforcement, and a central database for use by the justice system. Also during her tenure, Lt. Governor Henderson has played a vital role in securing critical infrastructure, including electricity and running water, for a Navajo community in south-eastern Utah called Westwater. After decades of promises and roadblocks, her leadership made it possible for these Utah residents to now have the life-supporting infrastructure that most of us take for granted.

“Elevance Health is proud to present this year’s National Lieutenant Governors Association Improving Lives and Communities Award to Lieutenant Governor Deidre Henderson,” said Dr. Shantanu Agrawal, Chief Health Officer, Elevance Health. “As up to 80% of health is driven by what happens outside the doctor’s office, her commitment and passion to address social drivers of health has had a profound impact on the state. Lieutenant Governor Henderson is a great example of state leaders tackling complex problems and improving the overall well-being of her constituents and her community.”

The award was presented to Lt. Governor Henderson on April 24, 2024, at the Spring Meeting of the NLGA in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

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