



## National Lieutenant Governors Association

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### The National Lieutenant Governors Association & Americans for the Arts Sign ‘The State Military & Veterans Arts Initiative’

National Lieutenant Governors Association (NLGA) members from across the country signed ‘The State Military & Veterans Arts Initiative’ (‘The Initiative’) today at the NLGA Annual Meeting in Nashville.

Fourteen NLGA members signed the agreement as founding partners and witnesses to the goal to promote the use of arts and arts therapy with the nation’s military continuum.



The Initiative seeks to increase visibility, understanding, and support for the care of persons across the military continuum (*to include active duty and reserve service members, veterans, their families, and caregivers*) and the role the arts can play in their health and wellness.

“NLGA and Americans for the Arts share a general mutual goal to make the arts, in its various forms, available to the military continuum as a tool for wellness and complete healing,” said NLGA Director & CEO Julia Hurst. The Initiative will look at advancing the policy, practice, and quality use of arts and creativity as tools for health in the military and for veterans.

“This is an exciting project and I commend the NLGA and its 55 members for stepping up and addressing this topic,” stated Robert L. Lynch, president and CEO of Americans for the Arts. “Our returning heroes and their families deserve nothing less than complete care including the power of the arts to address their visible and invisible wounds. This program will help to highlight these important programs.”

The signers include the lieutenant governors of Connecticut, Delaware, Missouri, Montana, New Mexico, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, Vermont, Washington, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, the Mariana Islands, and the secretary of state of Arizona.

“The National Lieutenant Governors Association and its members proudly engage with and support the defenders of the nation across the military continuum, at home and abroad,” said NLGA Director & CEO Julia Hurst.

See [www.nlga.us/programs/the-state-military-and-veterans-arts-initiative/](http://www.nlga.us/programs/the-state-military-and-veterans-arts-initiative/) for more information.

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