



## National Lieutenant Governors Association

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### **Governors Recognize the Office of Lt. Governor & the National Lieutenant Governors Association On the occasion of NLGA's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Governors are commemorating the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the National Lieutenant Governors Association (NLGA) in letters and videos. Fifteen (15) of the nation's sitting governors are former lieutenant governors.

"Lieutenant governors and seconds-in-command have a unique role to play in molding our communities and lieutenant governors, as a group, are capable of accomplishing many projects to benefit citizens across our nation," says North Carolina Governor Beverly Perdue.

"Lieutenant governors provide stability and continuity to the executive branch of state governments," writes Alaska Governor Sean Parnell. "The NLGA plays an important role in state government, as it provides a connection between those who are first in line of succession as governor. These individuals share a tremendous responsibility in the governmental process of our nation," says West Virginia Governor Earl Ray Tomblin.

"Though (lieutenant governors) have diverse duties and political ideals, the NLGA gives states a common ground..." writes South Dakota Governor Dennis Daugaard.

"In so many ways, holding the Office of Lieutenant Governor is the best training one can receive to serve as governor and the NLGA plays a critical role in that development," Utah Governor Gary Herbert writes. "I appreciate your perseverance to help make this such an influential and significant organization."

Kentucky Governor Steven Beshear wrote, "(R)eaching the 50th anniversary milestone this year certainly adds credit to what a solid, valuable organization (NLGA is)." "My time as lieutenant governor and within the Association has helped me become Mississippi's 64<sup>th</sup> governor," said Mississippi Governor Phil Bryant.

"(Lieutenant governors and seconds-in-command) are the future leaders of our states and, in fact, in just a few months some may become the Governor of your states..." said Nebraska Governor Dave Heineman.

"This cycle's Presidential election historically results in new federal appointments, regardless of which candidate prevails," said NLGA Director Julia Hurst. "This indicates NLGA will see some gubernatorial succession this year or early next year."

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