

1 **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE MILITARY CHILD EDUCATION COALITION**

2 WHEREAS, there are nearly 2 million children, ages birth to 23, whose parents serve in the Active Duty,
3 National Guard and Reserve Forces of the United States, plus another two million children of our Post-
4 9/11 Veterans, and

5 WHEREAS, military children live in every U.S. county and attend virtually every school district, and

6 WHEREAS, military children live with perpetual challenges presented by frequent moves, the turbulence
7 of parental deployments and the long-term effects of a parent returned from war, sometimes as a
8 profoundly changed person, and

9 WHEREAS, by the time many military children finish high school, they will have moved an average of six
10 to nine times, and twice during high school, and

11 WHEREAS, these challenges will not disappear with the end of the wars in Iraq & Afghanistan and may,
12 in fact, be amplified by future military missions and citizen indifference,

13 WHEREAS, it is clear that communities of caring adults positively impact the lives of military children,
14 encouraging their resilience in the face of challenges, and

15 WHEREAS, the Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC) is the only organization that works exclusively
16 on behalf of our nation’s military children,

17 WHEREAS, the MCEC has worked since 1998 to ameliorate the impact of the above-named challenges
18 through professional development, peer-to-peer programs of support, and community engagement, and

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NLGA recognizes the Military Child Education Coalition for
20 its singular work on behalf of our nation’s military children,

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NLGA encourages states to work with the MCEC to implement a
22 military student data identifier in its school reporting requirements in order to recognize the number
23 and progress of its military student population,

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NLGA encourages states to work diligently to implement the
25 academic Common Core State Standards, keeping in mind that equitable and predictable curriculum
26 standards benefit all children who move frequently,

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NLGA encourages states to work with the MCEC in the areas of policy
28 creation that strengthen resilience, create positive relationships, and encourage academic achievement,
29 and thereby promote college, career, and life-readiness for our military children.

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