



National Lieutenant Governors Association

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LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS CONTINUE STRONG TREND TO GOVERNORSHIPS

When the nation's gubernatorial inaugurations are complete in January of 2011, at least fourteen (14) states' sitting governors will be former lieutenant governors (*in Alaska, Arizona, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Nebraska, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, and West Virginia*). This includes the 2010 gubernatorial successions of former NLGA Chair North Dakota Lt. Governor Jack Dalrymple and West Virginia Lt. Governor Earl Ray Tomblin. Both are succeeded due to their states' respective governors being elected to the US Senate.

"More than one-fifth (1/5) of all sitting governors in 2011 are slated to be former lieutenant governors," said National Lieutenant Governors Association (NLGA) Executive Director Julia Hurst. "This is notably above the average number of governors at any given time who once served as lieutenant governor which typically hovers around eight (8)."

Six of those sitting governors will have been NLGA Executive Committee members, including South Dakota Lt. Governor Dennis Daugaard who was successful in his run for the governor's office this week. The governors of Alaska, Arizona, Illinois and Utah will be serving their first full elected terms after succeeding to office.

As a result of the 2010 elections:

- Two gubernatorial successions occurred, in North Dakota and West Virginia
- More than one-fifth of the governors seated as 2011 begins will be former lieutenant governors
- Three former NLGA Chairs will ascend to gubernatorial and Congressional office

Two former NLGA Chairs won office. Oklahoma Governor-elect Mary Fallin will become that state's first female governor and Delaware U.S. Rep.-elect John Carney will hold his state's lone Congressional seat. As noted above, a third former NLGA Chair, North Dakota Lt. Governor Jack Dalrymple, assumed the governor's seat in early December of 2010.

The nation will have twenty-six (26) new seconds-in-command across the states this year, as follows: Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Vermont, and Wisconsin. The territory of Guam also elected a new lieutenant governor.

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