



RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PREVENTING AND EFFECTIVELY TREATING ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE BY 2025

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease, the most common form of dementia, is a debilitating, devastating and fatal disease that causes marked decline in memory, executive function, ability to recognize or identify familiar objects, and decline in cognitive abilities severe enough to interfere with daily life, and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's affects an estimated 5.4 million people in the United States, and

WHEREAS, in 2011, 15.2 million friends and family members of individuals with Alzheimer's and other dementias provided 17.4 billion hours of unpaid care valued at more than \$210 billion, and

WHEREAS, paid care for people with Alzheimer's and other dementias will cost the United States and estimated \$200 billion in 2012, including \$140 billion paid by Medicare and Medicaid, and

WHEREAS, average per person Medicaid payments for a senior citizen with Alzheimer's and other dementias are nearly **19** times higher than for seniors without these condition, and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is the fifth leading cause of death for those aged 65 and older, and is the only one of the top 10 causes of death without a way to prevent, cure, or even slow its progression, and

WHEREAS, through clinical trials, scientists test new ways to detect, treat and prevent Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, and

WHEREAS, more than 100 research studies pertaining to Alzheimer's disease and other dementias are currently underway and recruiting volunteers, and

WHEREAS, increased enrollment in clinical trials is crucial for the development of better treatments and ultimately a cure for Alzheimer's disease, and

WHEREAS, recruiting and retaining trial participants is now the greatest obstacle, other than funding, to developing the next generation of Alzheimer's treatments, and

WHEREAS, on May 15, 2012, the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) released the nation's first-ever National Alzheimer's Plan, reaffirming the country's commitment to conquering Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, with a specific goal of finding effective ways to prevent and treat the disease by 2025, and

WHEREAS, the National Alzheimer's Plan recommends that HHS convene representatives from across all levels of government, academic medical research institutions, and the private sector to create an action plan for increasing enrollment in clinical trials, and

WHEREAS, HHS and the Department of Veterans Affairs will continue to develop and conduct clinical trials on the most promising pharmaceuticals for the prevention and treatment of Alzheimer's disease at an increased pace to advance the progress of these trials,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Lieutenant Governors Association (NLGA) supports the National Alzheimer's Plan goal to prevent and effectively treat Alzheimer's disease by 2025, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the members of the NLGA will work within their respective states, territories, academic medical research institutions, and private sectors to encourage increased enrollment in Alzheimer's and dementia clinical trials, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the Vice-President of the United States, the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, the Speaker and Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives and the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States Senate, the chairs of the appropriate Congressional committees, and that the NLGA make all state elected officials aware of passage of the resolution through a notice in *StateNews* magazine, and that the NLGA further post the full text of the resolution to its web page making the resolution available at all times for all NLGA members, state elected officials, and other interested parties.

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