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3       **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A CONTINUING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**  
4       **DIALOGUE WITH MEXICO**

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6       **WHEREAS**, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) program  
7       supports U.S.- Mexico cooperation to strengthen democratic institutions and economic  
8       competitiveness, particularly rule of law, security, and broad-based economic opportunity  
9       in Mexico and between the two countries, and

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11       **WHEREAS**, a platform is established of collaborative partnerships which hold periodic  
12       exchanges between lieutenant governors, state attorney generals, treasurers, border legislators,  
13       and other state leaders of the U.S. and Mexico, and

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15       **WHEREAS**, trade and investment are powerful engines that drive economic growth and  
16       reduce poverty at home and abroad, and

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18       **WHEREAS**, international trade has been a positive in many state and territorial budgets during  
19       the ongoing recession, and

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21       **WHEREAS**, lieutenant governors are leaders on the international stage and in a variety of  
22       economic development roles, and

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24       **WHEREAS**, lieutenant governors collectively hold unique positions which make them both  
25       legislative and executive branch leaders, and

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27       **WHEREAS**, an opportunity exists for NLGA and its members to enhance the role of states  
28       in addressing shared public policy and economic concerns that transcend international  
29       borders,

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31       **WHEREAS**, NLGA has an opportunity to subcontract with The Council of State  
32       Governments (CSG) to accept a two- year grant primarily for NLGA to plan and economic  
33       development exchange and dialogue program and to help support staff and actual costs of same,

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35       **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the National Lieutenant Governors Association  
36       (NLGA) commits to a two-year program as part of a state alliance partnership with the USAID  
37       and The Council of State Governments (CSG), and

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39       **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that NLGA and its members will seek to strengthen state  
40       legislative-executive branch capacity in Mexico and will seek to establish new  
41       mechanisms of cooperation among leaders of both countries in economic development  
42       issues, and

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44 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, NLGA will seek to achieve these goals through the planning of  
45 an exchange, mutually beneficial dialogue at said forum, and by establishing ongoing  
46 relationships.

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