



National Lieutenant Governors Association

1 **RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE GEN “I” STATE CHALLENGE TO SUPPORT NATIVE**
2 **YOUTH**

3 **WHEREAS**, President Obama and the leaders of state governments understand that what happens to the
4 approximately 1.9 million American Indians and Alaska Natives in more than 30 states covering every
5 region of the country is critically important to the future of the United States; and

6 **WHEREAS**, President Obama recently launched his new Generation Indigenous Initiative (Gen-I); and

7 **WHEREAS**, the Gen-I initiative is meant to break down barriers standing between Native youth and
8 their opportunity to succeed; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the goal of this challenge is to encourage states across the country to meaningfully consult
10 and partner with tribal governments and work with urban Indian organizations to improve the lives of
11 Native youth; and

12 **WHEREAS**, these increased efforts will improve the lives of future generations of Native youth as well
13 as strengthen state –tribal relationships through the collaboration of policy agendas and sharing of best
14 practices;

15 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the National Lieutenant Governors Association
16 hereby encourages its members to take the challenge, and reach out and partner with tribal leaders in their
17 state, as well as urban institutions and organizations, to plan and convene a dialog on current initiatives,
18 challenges and areas the partnership can collaborate on to improve the lives of Native youth and their
19 systems of support.

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