



National Lieutenant Governors Association

1 **A Resolution in Support of National Service**

2 **WHEREAS**, service to others is a hallmark of the American character, and central to how we meet our
3 communities' most pressing challenges; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the nation's states are increasingly turning to national service and volunteerism as a cost-effective
5 strategy to meet local needs; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the Corporation for National and Community Service, which administers AmeriCorps and Senior
7 Corps, shares a priority with Lieutenant Governors to engage citizens, improve lives, and strengthen communities;
8 and

9 **WHEREAS**, Governor-appointed State Service Commissions, working closely with their Governors and Lieutenant
10 Governors, administer AmeriCorps programs and ensure national service and volunteer programs in their respective
11 states meet their local priorities; and

12 **WHEREAS**, national service members address the most pressing challenges facing our states, from educating
13 students for the 21st century workforce and supporting veterans and military families to providing health services
14 and helping seniors live independently; and

15 **WHEREAS**, national service members have helped communities across the nation respond to and recover from
16 devastating disasters, including Hurricane Katrina, Superstorm Sandy, the Baton Rouge floods, and western wildfires;
17 and

18 **WHEREAS**, national service expands economic opportunity by creating more sustainable, resilient communities
19 and providing education, career skills, and leadership abilities for those who serve; and

20 **WHEREAS**, more than 325,000 AmeriCorps and Senior Corps members serve in 50,000 locations across the
21 country, engaging volunteers and bolstering the civic, neighborhood, and faith-based organizations that are so vital
22 to our economic and social well-being; and

23 **WHEREAS**, national service represents a unique public-private partnership that invests in community solutions and
24 leverages federal and non-federal resources to strengthen community impact and increase the return on taxpayer
25 dollars; and

26 **WHEREAS**, since its inception, more than 1 million AmeriCorps members have contributed more than 1.4 billion
27 hours in service to America in AmeriCorps and annually more than 245,000 Senior Corps volunteers serve children,
28 the elderly, and veterans,

29 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the NLGA support national service as a critical federal-state-
30 local partnership and effective solution to community challenges facing states across the country.

31 **Be it Further Resolved** that the NLGA encourages states to partner with the Corporation for National and
32 Community Service, State Service Commissions, and national service programs to meet their state's greatest
33 priorities.

34 **Be it Further Resolved** that the NLGA encourages states to recognize the contributions of AmeriCorps and Senior
35 Corps members within their state and encourage more residents to volunteer in their communities.

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