



## National Lieutenant Governors Association

1 **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CHILDREN HAVING ACCESS TO NUTRITIOUS MEALS**

2 **WHEREAS**, the members of the National Lieutenant Governors Association (NLGA) recognize the  
3 critical importance of infants, children, and teens having regular access to nutritious meals; and

4 **WHEREAS**, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, in 2014, 3.7 million households with  
5 children experienced food insecurity accounting for 9.4 percent of all households with children; and

6 **WHEREAS**, good nutrition is fundamental to the physical and psychological well-being of children.  
7 Recent research on early childhood brain development underscore that adequate nutrition is essential  
8 for cognitive development; and

9 **WHEREAS**, collecting and sharing data across agencies is critical for understanding the level of need,  
10 prioritizing strategies and tracking progress to fight childhood hunger; and

11 **WHEREAS**, nutritious food prevents long-term morbidity for children as they become adults and leads  
12 to a lifetime of nutritious choices; and

13 **WHEREAS**, childhood hunger is an issue in the broader context including health and education  
14 outcomes.

15 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the National Lieutenant Governors Association (NLGA)  
16 supports efforts by states and local communities to provide access to nutritious and affordable meals  
17 for children.

18 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that NLGA supports initiatives to reduce childhood hunger and  
19 encourages states to consider implementing policy and practicing changes that expand participation  
20 in child nutrition programs; and

21 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that NLGA supports lieutenant governors using their role to draw  
22 attention to the issue of childhood hunger and to convene public and private sector partners to  
23 develop and implement solutions.

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