



National Lieutenant Governors Association

NLGA Consensus Resolution Establishing the NLGA STEM Spark Award

WHEREAS, the National Lieutenant Governors Association (NLGA) has the mission to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of state and territorial government through interstate cooperation and the exchange of ideas and innovations, and

WHEREAS, NLGA Members, as the nation's lieutenant governors and seconds-in-command in the states and territories, oversee and execute initiatives to support, promote, and advance the opportunities for STEM education, skills training, and workforce development, and

WHEREAS, NLGA facilitates a portfolio of opportunities on STEM throughout the year, including but not limited to the *NLGA Lt. Governors' STEM Scholarship Program* and the *NLGA STEM Service Projects* to support opportunities for STEM education for youth, and

WHEREAS, the creation of a STEM Spark Award would complement the existing efforts of NLGA, as well as provide an additional opportunity to recognize NLGA Members through the association's established awards program, and

WHEREAS, Sapphire Gas Solutions is a partner of the NLGA through its public-private sector program, and has committed to support and present an award to Members for a minimum of three years as an NLGA Partner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Lieutenant Governors Association (NLGA) authorizes its Director, under the direction annually of the Chair, to work with Sapphire Gas Solutions to present a NLGA STEM Spark Award to a NLGA Member who demonstrates a commitment to support, promote, and/or advance the opportunities for learning or engaging in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) in education, skills training, and/or the workforce in state and territorial government, understanding that same will create no negative fiscal impact to NLGA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award will first be presented at the 2024 Annual Meeting in July/August 2024, and continued thereafter at the Annual Meetings of NLGA, pending continued agreement between NLGA and Sapphire Gas Solutions.

ADOPTED, this day, the 24th of April, 2024.

Co-Sponsors: *TBD*