



National Lieutenant Governors Association

NLGA Consensus Resolution On the NLGA State Strategies Committee on Aerospace

1 WHEREAS, the aerospace and defense industry supports communities in all 50 states, employing
2 more than 2.2 million people across the country and bringing in almost \$19 billion in state and local
3 tax receipts¹, and

4 WHEREAS, aerospace, aviation, and defense are rapidly evolving industries that present dynamic
5 challenges and opportunities that can benefit from strong state-to-state collaboration, and

6 WHEREAS, states and territories are instrumental in advancing aerospace by shaping policy,
7 enacting legislation, and fostering partnerships across key areas such as workforce development,
8 economic growth, supply chain resilience, manufacturing and production, defense communities,
9 research and innovation, regulatory frameworks, and more, and

10 WHEREAS, the Members of the National Lieutenant Governors Association (NLGA) are the
11 lieutenant governors and seconds-in-command in state and territorial government, and they serve
12 important roles in the executive and legislative branches, and

13 WHEREAS, NLGA Members help steer state/territorial government through their constitutional and
14 statutory duties, as well as governors' assignments and personal initiatives, and many Members
15 serve in leadership roles shaping policies that impact the aerospace, aviation, and defense
16 industries, and

17 WHEREAS, as the convener and nonpartisan association for the seconds-in-command in state and
18 territorial government, the NLGA has a unique role in bringing forth opportunities for collaboration
19 among the 50 states and five U.S. territories on aerospace, aviation, and defense policy through
20 speakers, programming, policy discussions, and convenings, and

21 WHEREAS, in April 2025, the NLGA Executive Committee created the *NLGA State Strategies*
22 *Committee on Aerospace* to positively and collaboratively impact aerospace policy in the states and
23 territories through a Committee comprised of NLGA Members and their appointees, and

24 WHEREAS, the NLGA Aerospace Committee will expand the roles of lieutenant governors in a
25 critical policy area, provide appointing authority to NLGA Members, and support the mission of
26 NLGA.
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29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Lieutenant Governors Association (NLGA)
30 acknowledges the importance of the aerospace, aviation, and defense industries, and the impact
31 that states and territories can have on the advancement of aerospace in the U.S.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NLGA has created the *NLGA State Strategies Committee on*
33 *Aerospace* to positively and collaboratively impact aerospace policy in the states and territories
34 through programming and convenings.

35 ADOPTED, this day, the 17th of July 2025.

36 Co-Sponsors: Kentucky Lt. Governor Jacqueline Coleman (D), South Carolina Lt. Governor Pamela
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