



## National Lieutenant Governors Association

### NLGA Consensus Resolution Supporting American Agriculture, Agri-business and Supporting Industries

**WHEREAS**, agriculture, agri-business and supporting industries are cornerstones of the American economy, generating more than \$9.5 trillion in economic value, and supporting more than 24 million jobs across the United States of America (U.S.A.)<sup>1</sup>, and

**WHEREAS**, there are 1.9 million farms operating across 893 million acres of farmland in the U.S.A. with family-owned farms accounting for 95% of all American farms<sup>2</sup>, and

**WHEREAS**, one U.S.A. farm feeds an approximate 169 people annually, with 20% of their farm products exported each year<sup>3</sup>, and

**WHEREAS, WHEREAS**, Less than 2% of the U.S. population is directly involved in production agriculture on farms and ranches<sup>4</sup>

**WHEREAS**, American farmers produced 14.9 billion bushels of corn, 4.37 billion bushels of soybeans, 1.97 billion bushels of wheat, and 14.4 million bales of cotton in 2024<sup>5</sup>, and

**WHEREAS**, technological advancements such as precision agriculture, now adopted by 75% of U.S.A. farms, have enabled increased productivity and sustainability in farming practices<sup>6</sup>, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the National Lieutenant Governors Association (NLGA) recognizes the importance of American agriculture, agri-business, and supporting industries in feeding the nation and the world, sustaining rural communities, and driving economic growth.

**ADOPTED**, this day, the 6th of December, 2025.

*Co-Sponsors: Indiana Lt. Governor Micah Beckwith, Iowa Lt. Governor Chris Cournoyer, Kentucky Lt. Governor Jacqueline Coleman, Louisiana Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser, South Carolina Lt. Governor Pamela Evette*

*Proposed for the docket by: Cargill, NLGA Partner*

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<sup>1</sup> [Feeding the Economy - Feeding the Economy](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Family-owned farms account for 95% of U.S. farms, according to the Census of Agriculture Typology Report](#)

<sup>3</sup> [Fast Facts About Agriculture & Food | American Farm Bureau Federation](#)

<sup>4</sup> [Agriculture in the U.S 2025 | Agriculture Stats & Facts – The Global Statistics](#)

<sup>5</sup> [Agriculture in the U.S 2025 | Agriculture Stats & Facts – The Global Statistics](#)

<sup>6</sup> [Agriculture in the U.S 2025 | Agriculture Stats & Facts – The Global Statistics](#)