

NLGA – For Consideration:

**NLGA Consensus Resolution in Support of Gender Equality in Nordic Combined Competition in the Winter Olympics**

**WHEREAS**, Nordic combined is a challenging winter sport, requiring competitors to prove their skills as both Nordic skiers and alpine ski jumpers, and

**WHEREAS**, the first documented Nordic combined competition occurred in Oslo, Norway, in 1892, 32 years before the inaugural Winter Olympics was held in France in 1924, at which Nordic combined was one of the featured events,<sup>1</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, Nordic combined was one of the original Winter Olympic disciplines in 1924, and today it is the only Olympic sport that excludes women, and

**WHEREAS**, women have exhibited outstanding Nordic combined performances in non-Olympic competition, with celebrated women athletes earning national and international recognition, and

**WHEREAS**, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) has instituted reforms to the Olympics Agenda since 2020, including Gender Equality, and the IOC has taken a leadership role in the UN Women Sports for Generation Equality Initiative, which aims to advance gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls in and through sport, and

**WHEREAS**, the IOC says it will conduct a full evaluation after the 2026 Olympics in order to make a "decision on the inclusion of Nordic Combined for men and women" in 2030, which may result in Nordic combined competition being removed from the roster altogether,<sup>2</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, the International Ski and Snowboard Federation (FIS), Nordic Combined USA, and male and female Nordic combined skiers from different nations are strongly advocating for the IOC to continue this fabled sport in Winter Olympic competition but with gender equality.<sup>3,4</sup>

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the National Lieutenant Governors Association (NLGA) encourages NLGA Members to be aware of the exclusion of women in the Nordic combined competition at the Winter Olympics, and to consider supporting, in solidarity with national and international ski organizations and numerous skiers across the globe, the introduction of gender equality in Nordic combined Olympic competition.

ADOPTED, this day, the \_\_\_ of April, 2026.

Co-Sponsors: *Vermont Lt. Governor John Rodgers*

*Proposed for the docket by: Vermont Lt. Governor John Rodgers*

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.nbcolympics.com/news/nordic-combined-101-olympic-history>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.npr.org/2026/02/16/nx-s1-5697967/olympics-women-nordic-combined>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.fis-ski.com/nordic-combined/news/2022-23/ioc-declines-nordic-combined-women>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.nordiccombinedusa.org/olympic-advocacy/>