

NLGA – For Consideration:

NLGA Consensus Resolution on State Innovation in Expanding Access to Child Care and Strengthening the Workforce

WHEREAS, access to affordable, reliable child care is foundational to a strong workforce and thriving communities, and

WHEREAS, families across the country are navigating rising costs and limited availability of child care, creating barriers to employment and economic security ¹, and

WHEREAS, states/territories and local communities are leading the way in developing innovative, bipartisan solutions that reflect the unique needs of their regions, and

WHEREAS, partnerships among state/territorial leaders, mayors, employers, and community organizations are creating new models that expand access while supporting working families, and

WHEREAS, these locally driven solutions demonstrate the power of collaboration and offer promising models that can be adapted across states and territories.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Lieutenant Governors Association (NLGA) affirms the importance of child care as an economic infrastructure that supports workforce participation and long-term prosperity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NLGA recognizes and encourages bipartisan state leadership in advancing innovative, community-driven child care solutions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NLGA supports collaboration across states and territories to share best practices, elevate local innovation, and expand access to child care that meets the needs of families and employers alike.

ADOPTED, this day, the ___ of April, 2026.

Co-Sponsors: *North Carolina Lt. Governor Rachel Hunt*

Proposed for the docket by: North Carolina Lt. Governor Rachel Hunt

¹ Bipartisan Policy Center, *Modernizing Child Care for a Modern Workforce*, October 2025: <https://bipartisanpolicy.org/explainer/modernizing-child-care-for-a-modern-workforce-outdated-child-care-policies-are-limiting-parents-choices-and-economic-competitiveness/>