

NLGA – For Consideration:

**NLGA Consensus Resolution on Energy Affordability, Reliability, and Customer-Focused Solutions**

**WHEREAS**, affordable access to electricity and natural gas is essential to the economic well-being, public health, and quality of life of households, businesses, and communities across the United States, and

**WHEREAS**, energy costs represent a significant and growing share of household and business expenses,<sup>1,2</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, reliable electric and natural gas infrastructure is critical to ensuring uninterrupted service, supporting economic growth, and maintaining public safety during periods of extreme weather and increased energy demand, and

**WHEREAS**, state and territorial governments play a vital role in overseeing utility regulation, infrastructure investment, and energy policy to ensure that systems remain both affordable and reliable for customers, and

**WHEREAS**, innovative, customer-focused solutions, including behind-the-meter generation, battery storage and diverse energy supply, can help reduce costs and enhance system resilience, and

**WHEREAS**, collaboration among state/territorial agencies, utilities, and stakeholders can help advance balanced energy policies that align affordability, reliability, and customer-focused solutions for the benefit of households, businesses, and communities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the National Lieutenant Governors Association (NLGA) encourages state and territorial governments, public utility commissions, and relevant agencies to facilitate collaboration and explore policies that focus on the affordability of electric and natural gas service for all consumers.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that NLGA encourages state and territorial leaders to explore solutions that strengthen the reliability and resilience of energy systems while maintaining cost discipline.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that NLGA encourages state and territorial leaders to explore the development and implementation of customer-focused solutions that empowers consumers with tools to manage and reduce their energy costs.

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

Co-Sponsors: *Pending*

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

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.pewresearch.org/short-reads/2026/05/06/many-americans-hold-utility-companies-responsible-for-their-rising-home-energy-bills/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.nfib.com/news/press-release/new-nfib-report-how-energy-costs-impact-small-businesses/>