

NLGA – For Consideration:

NLGA Consensus Resolution on Stomach Cancer Awareness

WHEREAS, stomach cancer, known as gastric cancer, is the fifth most common cancer globally and the fourth leading cause of cancer death worldwide,¹ and

WHEREAS, stomach cancer accounts for about 1.5 percent of all new cancers diagnosed in the United States each year,² and

WHEREAS, 31,510 new cases of stomach cancer are expected in the United States in 2026,³ and

WHEREAS, there are disparities in stomach cancer incidence and mortality among racial and ethnic groups in the United States,⁴ and

WHEREAS, younger adults have experienced an increase in stomach cancer, with experts reporting findings that rates of early onset gastrointestinal cancers are rising rapidly, with the youngest groups experiencing the highest rise in rates,⁵ and

WHEREAS, increased advocacy, awareness, research and education may bring improved outcomes for patients in earlier detection and treatment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Lieutenant Governors Association (NLGA) encourages state and territorial leaders to explore efforts to increase awareness of stomach cancer and other solutions that may lead to earlier detection for patients.

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

Co-Sponsors: *Pending*

Proposed for the docket by: Jazz Pharmaceuticals, NLGA Partner

¹ The Lancet Journal- [https://www.thelancet.com/journals/eclinm/article/PIIS2589-5370\(22\)00134-1/fulltext](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/eclinm/article/PIIS2589-5370(22)00134-1/fulltext)

² American Cancer Society- <https://www.cancer.org/cancer/types/stomach-cancer/about/keystatistics.html#:~:text=Stomach%20cancer%20accounts%20for%20about,in%20the%20US%20each%20year>

³ National Cancer Institute- <https://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/stomach.html>

⁴ Columbia University Medical Center- <https://www.cancer.columbia.edu/news/tackling-disparities-stomach-cancer#:~:text=Each%20year%20in%20the%20U.S>

⁵ https://www.dana-farber.org/newsroom/news-releases/2025/dana-farber-report-shows-alarming-rise-in-many-gastrointestinal-cancers-in-young-people?utm_source=copilot.com