



National Lieutenant Governors Association

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,^{1,2} 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.

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

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

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

31

32 ADOPTED, this day, the 23rd of July, 2026.

33 Co-Sponsors: *Indiana Lt. Governor Micah Beckwith, Iowa Lt. Governor Chris Cournoyer, Louisiana Lt.*
34 *Governor Billy Nungesser, Nebraska Lt. Governor Joe Kelly*

35

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