National Lieutenant Governors Association

A RESOLUTION RAISING AWARENESS TO ADDRESS FOOD INSECURITY & HUNGER

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Economic Research Service says, in 2018, 11% of households were food insecure at least some time during the year, including 4.3% (5.6 million households) that had very low food security, and

WHEREAS, the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic and the subsequent economic recovery have increased food insecurity and hunger and will continue to contribute to the same, and

WHEREAS, efforts to increase the quality, quantity, and availability of food for all ranging from growing and processing food to making food available and eliminating waste, and

WHEREAS, leaders can impact food insecurity and hunger through raising awareness of hunger-related issues, identifying potential gaps in the system, connecting resources to people in need, and making sure people know where to get help, and

WHEREAS, sharing education and experience on food security, food insecurity, and agriculture provides and promotes ideas and options which may be successfully applied and replicated across the diverse cities, counties, states, territories, and tribal lands.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Lieutenant Governors Association (NLGA) hereby recognizes the community organizations, businesses and industries, farmers, social agencies, religious communities, schools and universities, civic and social clubs, volunteers, and other individuals and groups that lead or participate in projects to confront food insecurity and hunger.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NLGA further encourages the exchange of ideas, innovations, and action to address food insecurity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NLGA recognizes World Food Day on October 16th, and September as Hunger Action Month as opportunities to highlight areas needed for action and provide a common focus on food insecurity.

ADOPTED, this day, the _____ of July, 2020.

Sponsors: Lt. Governor Garlin Gilchrist (D – Michigan), Lt. Governor Adam Gregg (R – Iowa), Lt. Governor Bethany Hall-Long (D – Delaware), Lt. Governor Juliana Stratton (D – Illinois)