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### **MORE THAN 25% of SITTING GOVERNORS WERE FIRST NLGA MEMBERS** **Up-to-date research on gubernatorial succession is at [www.nlga.us](http://www.nlga.us)**

“More than one-quarter (28%) of the sitting governors were first a member of the NLGA,” said NLGA Director Julia Hurst. Missouri Governor Mike Parson became the fourteenth (14<sup>th</sup>) sitting governor who was first a NLGA member. “These include the governors of Alabama, Delaware, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina, South Dakota, Utah, and Vermont,” said Hurst.

“Three governors are past NLGA Chairs, those being the governors of Delaware, Iowa, and Oklahoma,” said Hurst. “More than 20% of the sitting governors were NLGA Executive Committee members or meeting hosts.”

“NLGA’s ‘Gubernatorial Succession Data: 1980 – current’ answers the question: How often do seconds-in-command succeed to governor?” says NLGA Associate Director Kellie Wise.

From 1980 – 1989, four gubernatorial successions occurred. From 1990 – 1999, nine gubernatorial successions occurred. From 2000 – 2009, twenty-two gubernatorial successions occurred.\* Eight gubernatorial successions occurred to date in the decade 2010 – 2019.

The research is posted in its entirety at [www.nlga.us](http://www.nlga.us).

*\* That tally includes the “Five-Governors-in-a-Day” experience in New Jersey as one succession.*

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