



National Lieutenant Governors Association

**Chart of Gubernatorial Successions by the National Lieutenant Governors Association ©2021
As of March 2021**

Year	State	Name of Successor	Circumstances
1980	CT	William O' Neill	Succeeded Governor Ella Grasso, who resigned for health reasons.
1982-3	NH	Sen. Pres. Vesta Roy	Served as acting gov of the state from Dec 29, 1982 until Jan 6, 1983 as a result of the death of Gov Hugh Gallen shortly before the inauguration of the gov-elect, John H. Sununu
1988	AZ	Rose Mofford	Succeeded from office of secretary of state when governor was indicted
1989	NV	Robert Miller	Succeeded to acting governor when Governor Bryan won election to US Senate. In Nevada, succession under these circumstances is to Acting Governor and he/she is always referenced with that title. Miller was elected governor in 1990 & 1994 (a court ruling determined he was eligible to run in 1994).
1991	VT	Howard Dean	Succeeded to governor when Governor Snelling died suddenly.
1992	AR	Jim Guy Tucker	Succeeded when Governor Clinton was elected president.
1993	SD	Walter Miller	Succeeded when Governor Mickelson was killed in a plane crash.
1993	AL	Jim Folsom	Succeeded upon a felony conviction of the governor.
1993	DE	Dale Wolf	Succeeded for three weeks when Gov. Mike Castle resigned to take his seat in Congress on January 1, 1993. Inauguration of Governor Carper did not take place until three weeks later.
1996	AR	Mike Huckabee	Succeeded after Governor Jim Guy Tucker was indicted for Whitewater dealings. Huckabee was elected Lt. Governor July 1993.
1997	MA	Paul Cellucci	Succeeded Governor Weld after resignation to seek ambassadorial appointment.
1997	AZ	Jane Dee Hull	Succeeded from office of secretary of state.
1998	FL	Buddy MacKay	Succeeded on death of Governor Chiles, 12/98-inauguration 1/99. Governor Jeb Bush had defeated McKay in the 1998 gubernatorial election.



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2000	MO	Roger Wilson	Succeeded when Governor Mel Carnahan died in a plane crash, October 2000; served until January 8, 2001.
2000	TX	Rick Perry	Succeeded when Governor George W. Bush was elected president.
2001	DE	Ruth Ann Minner	Succeeded Gov. Tom Carper when he resigned to take his seat in the US Senate on January 3, 2001. Governor Minner was inaugurated as elected governor of Delaware on January 16, 2001.
2001	WI	Scott McCallum	Succeeded when Gov. Tommy Thompson was sworn in as Secretary of HHS.
2001	NJ	Donald T. DiFrancesco	Succeeded to acting governor when Gov. Christy Todd Whitman was sworn in as Director of EPA; he remained President of the Senate.
2001	MA	Jane Swift	Succeeded when Gov. Paul Cellucci became U.S. Ambassador to Canada.
2001	PA	Mark Schweiker	Succeeded when Gov. Tom Ridge became Director of the Office of Homeland Security, a presidential appointment.
2002	NJ	Robert Bennett and Richard Codey	Each served 3 days until inauguration of elected governor.
Late '02- Early '03	NJ		Five Governors in A Day
2003	AS	Togiola Tulafono	Succeeded upon death of governor.
2003	IN	Frank O' Bannon	Succeeded when governor died.
2003	UT	Olene Walker	Succeeded when Governor Leavitt became US HHS Director, a presidential appointment.
2004	CT	M. Jodi Rell	Succeeded when the governor resigned amidst scandal.
2004	NJ	Sen. Pres. Richard Codey	Succeeded when Governor Jim McGreevy resigned amidst scandal.
2005	NE	Dave Heineman	Succeeded when Governor Mike Johanns resigned to become US Agriculture Secretary.
2006	ID	Jim Risch	Succeeded when Governor Dirk Kempthorne resigned to become US Interior Secretary (Risch then ran for and won re-election back to the office of lieutenant governor).
2008	NY	David Paterson	Succeeded for Eliot Spitzer upon resignation 3-17-08.
2009	AK	Sean Parnell	Succeeded for Sarah Palin upon resignation - 7/26/09.
2009	AZ	Sec of State Jan Brewer	Succeeded for for Janet Napaolitano 1-21-09



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2009	IL	Pat Quinn	Succeeded for Rod Blagojevich when removed from office - 1-29-09.
2009	KS	Mark Parkinson	Succeeded for Kathleen Sebelius on resignation - 4-28-09.
2009	UT	Gary Herbert	Succeeded for Jon Huntsman on 8-11-09 due to resignation.
2010	ND	Jack Dalrymple	Succeeded for John Hoeven upon resignation 2010.
2010	WV	Sen. Pres. Earl Ray Tomblin	Succeeded upon resignation of Joseph Manchin III.
2015	OR	Sec. of State Kate Brown	Succeeded upon resignation of John Kitzhaber.
2017	SC	Henry McMaster	Succeeded upon resignation of Nikki Haley who became U.S. Ambassador to the U.N.
2017	AL	Kay Ivey	Succeeded upon resignation of Robert Bentley.
2017	IA	Kim Reynolds	Succeeded to Governor upon resignation of Terry Branstad to U.S. Ambassador to China
2017	KS	Jeff Colyer	Succeeded upon resignation of Gov. Brownback to become Ambassador-at-Large of international religious freedom.
2018	MO	Mike Parson	Succeeded upon resignation of Eric Greitens.
2021	RI	Dan McKee	Succeeded upon resignation of Gina Raimondo, who was appointed Secretary of Commerce in Biden administration.



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