



National Lieutenant Governors Association

1 **Resolution Continuing the Public Leadership in the Arts Award**

2 Whereas, the members of the National Lieutenant Governors Association recognize many
3 members play key roles in the promotion of the arts and culture in the United States and its
4 territories; and

5 Whereas, nearly every member works with arts promotion in some way, and

6 Whereas, the arts enhance the lives of all Americans and affect every aspect of life in America
7 today including the economy, social problem solving, job creation, education, creativity, and
8 community livability; and

9 Whereas, Americans for the Arts is the nation's leading nonprofit organization for advancing
10 the arts in America; and

11 Whereas, with over 50 years of service, Americans for the Arts is dedicated to representing and
12 serving state and local communities and creating opportunities for every American to
13 participate in and appreciate all forms of the arts; and

14 Whereas, according to the Americans for the Arts 2012 report, *Arts & Economic Prosperity IV*,
15 the nonprofit arts industry generates \$135.2 billion annually in economic activity, supports 4.13
16 million full-time equivalent jobs and returns \$6.67 billion to state treasuries in taxes, and

17 Whereas, *Arts and Economic Prosperity V* reporting commenced in 2015 and is ongoing, and

18 Whereas, Americans for the Arts partners with local, state and national arts organizations; civic
19 organizations; government agencies; business leaders; elected and appointed government
20 officials and their organizations; individual philanthropists; educators; and funders throughout
21 the country to achieve said goals;

22 Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the National Lieutenant Governors Association
23 authorizes its Director, under the direction annually of the Chair, to continue to work with
24 Americans for the Arts to present a *Public Leadership in the Arts Award* to a NLGA member
25 recognizing their strong support for the arts, understanding that same will create no negative
26 fiscal impact to NLGA, and

27 Now, therefore, be it further resolved, that the National Lieutenant Governors
28 Association authorizes its Director, under the supervision of the Chair, to continue to review and
29 offer partnering opportunities with Americans for the Arts to pursue research and other
30 potential joint projects, understanding that same will create no negative fiscal impact to NLGA.

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