





## National Lieutenant Governors Association

- 35 **WHEREAS**, the term “waste” has legal and regulatory implications for business operations, making  
36 recycling more costly and discouraging entities from engaging in the business of recycling.
- 37 **THEREFORE, Be It Resolved** that the NLGA recognizes the multiple benefits of recycling, including  
38 energy savings, environmental preservation, sustainability, and economic development, among others; and
- 39 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the NLGA understands the complex nature of the recycling industry,  
40 including the multifaceted environmental, international trade, and small business perspectives; and
- 41 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the NLGA recognizes that recycling protects the environment by  
42 conserving energy and the states’ natural resources; and
- 43 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the NLGA applauds efforts that treat recyclable materials as valuable  
44 commodities used for manufacturing which supports tens of thousands of American jobs; and
- 45 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the NLGA will be an engaged forum for collaboration among states to  
46 pursue SMM that recognizes the importance of recycling and that recyclable materials such as metals,  
47 paper, plastic, glass, rubber, and textiles that are recycled directly as a viable commercial feedstock or  
48 commodity should not be, deemed to be solid waste.

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