



National Lieutenant Governors Association

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STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF CLARITY IN GUBERNATORIAL SUCCESSION

"The National Lieutenant Governors Association (NLGA) exists to promote the office of lieutenant governor in adding to the efficiency and effectiveness of state government. A key role is to be always prepared for gubernatorial succession. We applaud Iowa Lt. Governor Kim Reynolds for her work in proactively preparing for succession and for working with the governor, the secretary of state, and the attorney general on December statements on whether she becomes governor and if she appoints a lieutenant governor. Her work in preparation, which NLGA encourages amongst all her peers, is what residents expect and ensures continuity of government and a smooth transition of leadership. It is disappointing to see a lieutenant governor's efforts at efficiency and effectiveness in service to the public be upended with the Attorney General's reversal of position on these important matters more than four months later, possibly days before said succession. We support Lt. Governor Reynolds as she continues to work for the efficient, effective transition of leadership that Iowans expect."

Lt. Governor Dan McKee, Rhode Island - NLGA Chair

Lt. Governor Matt Michels, South Dakota - NLGA Chair Elect