



## National Lieutenant Governors Association

### Resolution Encouraging the Use of “Sound Science” In Evaluating Crop Protection Biotechnology and Nutrients

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3 **WHEREAS**, a sustainable agricultural system in the United States is critical to the continued production of  
4 food, feed, and fiber to meet both domestic and global demands; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the treatment, prevention and control of agricultural pests is critically important to the health and  
6 welfare of our residents and the safety of our global food, feed, and fiber supply; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the availability of modern agricultural technologies such as precision farming equipment, crop  
8 protection biotechnology, genetically engineered or enhanced traits, and agricultural nutrients are critically  
9 important tools that allow farmers to expand yields, reduce environmental impacts, improve profitability and  
10 provide a safe, healthy, abundant and affordable food supply; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the agriculture and food production industries have a long history of success and safety in  
12 protecting and further enhancing the food, feed, and fiber supply of U. S. residents and the world; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the agriculture industry is recognized as an important contributor to the economic vitality of the  
14 States through jobs, capital investment, farm income, value added sectors and contributions to the state’s tax  
15 base; and

16 **WHEREAS**, from the USDA to the EPA, from Congress and the state legislatures to the state EPA  
17 Departments and state Agriculture Departments, the crop protection and biotechnology industries are among  
18 the most studied and regulated of all industries at both the State and Federal levels; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the continued success of these industries and our Nation’s position as a world leader in  
20 agriculture and food processing depends on state and federal regulators utilizing sound science-based data to  
21 assess both product and ingredient safety; and

22 **WHEREAS**, sound science should be the bedrock of our nation’s regulatory system.

23 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the National Lieutenant Governors Association hereby  
24 encourages its members to rely on data based on sound science to assist in the goal of ensuring that the  
25 bedrock of our U.S. regulatory system is maintained whenever assessing the impacts and the regulation of  
26 modern agricultural technologies, including but not limited to biotechnology, genetically engineered or  
27 enhanced traits, and nutrients.

ADOPTED, this day, the 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.

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