



## National Lieutenant Governors Association

### 1            **Resolution In Support of Cooperative Purchasing in State Government**

2        **WHEREAS**, government procurement and cooperative purchasing plays a significant role in the quality and  
3        efficiency of business and government throughout the United States, and

4        **WHEREAS**, state purchasing operations engage in or have direct responsibility for purchasing goods and  
5        services; executing and implementing contracts; creating forecasts and procurement strategies; and developing  
6        working relationships with suppliers and state government agencies, and

7        **WHEREAS**, state and local governments spent \$3.25 trillion in 2019<sup>1</sup>, which directly impacts the national and  
8        international economies, and

9        **WHEREAS**, cooperative purchasing is a trusted, efficient, and modern procurement tool used in all 50 states and  
10       five U.S. territories to streamline state procurement, and

11       **WHEREAS**, cooperative purchasing is procurement conducted by or on behalf of one or more government units  
12       for the purchase of products and services available for use by other state and local governments through  
13       cooperative purchasing statutes or joint exercise of powers statutes, and

14       **WHEREAS**, the cooperative, competitive, transparent public solicitation and contract award process has many  
15       benefits for state and local governments, including administrative efficiencies, competitive national-scale volume  
16       pricing, and cost efficiencies generated from economies of scale, and

17       **WHEREAS**, cooperative procurement is rooted in an open and fair competitive process that ensures maximum  
18       competition among industry vendors to the benefit of government, and

19       **WHEREAS**, the cooperative purchasing solicitation process meets, and often exceeds, government procurement  
20       standards and complies with state and federal laws and regulations.

21       **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the National Lieutenant Governors Association expresses  
22       support for cooperative purchasing and other procurement strategies that increase cost savings to taxpayers,  
23       improve the procurement process at the state and local level, and result in improved efficiencies in state and local  
24       government.

ADOPTED, this day, the 29<sup>th</sup> of July, 2020.

Sponsors: Lt. Governor Mike Cooney (D – Montana), Lt. Governor Garlin Gilchrist (D – Michigan), Lt.  
Governor Adam Gregg (R – Iowa), Lt. Governor Tim Griffin (R – Arkansas), Lt. Governor Bethany Hall-Long  
(D – Delaware), Lt. Governor Randy McNally (R – Tennessee), Lt. Governor Kevin Meyer (R – Alaska)

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<sup>1</sup> GovTech Navigator, [https://www.govtech.com/navigator/numbers/us-state---2019local-gov-by-the-numbers\\_121.html](https://www.govtech.com/navigator/numbers/us-state---2019local-gov-by-the-numbers_121.html)