



National Lieutenant Governors Association

Resolution In Support of President Biden’s Cancer Moonshot

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- 2 **WHEREAS**, cancer remains one of the leading causes of death worldwide, with more than 600,000
3 Americans dying of cancer each year¹, and
- 4 **WHEREAS**, accumulated inequities in access to affordable health care and other opportunities to live
5 healthy lives result in disparities in cancer diagnoses and death rates by race and ethnicity, geography,
6 education level, and income, and
- 7 **WHEREAS**, individuals with cancer experience high rates of financial stress resulting from the cost of
8 cancer treatment², and
- 9 **WHEREAS**, many patients are delaying regular cancer screenings due to COVID-19, and
- 10 **WHEREAS**, focusing on increasing equitable access to affordable, individualized prevention, early
11 detection, and treatment of cancer, including by increasing access to clinical trials, will reduce disparities
12 in cancer death rates, and
- 13 **WHEREAS**, addressing environmental exposures to cancer is central in reducing inequities in rates of
14 cancer experienced by communities of color and low-income communities, and
- 15 **WHEREAS**, sustained, strong funding for public, biomedical and health research will improve our ability
16 to prevent, detect, and treat cancer, and
- 17 **WHEREAS**, lowering the cost of health care and lifesaving cancer treatments, such as oral chemotherapy,
18 and increasing patient supports to navigate the health care system is key to improving cancer outcomes.
- 19 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the National Lieutenant Governors Association hereby
20 recognizes that the business, philanthropy, educational, and health care communities must join in President
21 Biden’s mission of reducing the death rate from cancer by at least 50 percent over the next 25 years, and
22 improving the experience of people and their families living with and surviving cancer.

ADOPTED, this day, the ____ of March, 2022.

Sponsors: Lt. Governor Kevin Meyer (R – Alaska), Lt. Governor Dianne Primavera (D – Colorado)

¹ American Cancer Society, Cancer Facts & Figures 2022, <https://www.cancer.org/research/cancer-facts-statistics/all-cancer-facts-figures/cancer-facts-figures-2022.html>

² National Cancer Institute, Financial Toxicity (Financial Distress) and Cancer Treatment, <https://www.cancer.gov/about-cancer/managing-care/track-care-costs/financial-toxicity-pdq>