



National Lieutenant Governors Association

1 **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTS AND IN CONTINUING THE NLGA**
2 **PUBLIC LEADERSHIP IN THE ARTS AWARD**

2 **WHEREAS**, the members of the National Lieutenant Governors Association (NLGA) recognize many
3 members play key roles in the promotion of the arts and culture in the United States and its territories, and

4 **WHEREAS**, every NLGA member works with arts promotion in some way, and

5 **WHEREAS**, the arts enhance the lives of all Americans and affect every aspect of life in America today
6 including the economy, social problem-solving, job creation, education, creativity, and community
7 livability, and

8 **WHEREAS**, Americans for the Arts is the nation's leading nonprofit organization for advancing the arts
9 in America, and

10 **WHEREAS**, with over 50 years of service, Americans for the Arts is dedicated to representing and serving
11 state and local communities and creating opportunities for every American to participate in and appreciate
12 all forms of the arts, and

13 **WHEREAS**, according to the Americans for the Arts 2015 report, *Arts & Economic Prosperity V*, the
14 nonprofit arts industry generates \$166.3 billion annually in economic activity, supports 4.6 million full-
15 time equivalent jobs and returns \$7.70 billion in state government revenue, \$6.87 billion in local
16 government revenue and \$12.97 billion in federal government revenue for a total of \$27.54 billion which is
17 far more than the \$5 billion that governments at all levels invest in the arts and culture, and

18 **WHEREAS**, according to the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, arts and cultural production contributed
19 \$804.2 billion to the nation's economy in 2016. This represents 4.3 percent of the National Gross Domestic
20 Product (GDP) – a larger share of the economy than construction (4.1 percent), transportation (3.0
21 percent), tourism (2.6 percent) or agriculture (1.0 percent), and

22 **WHEREAS**, Americans for the Arts partners with local, state and national arts organizations; civic
23 organizations; government agencies; business leaders; elected and appointed government officials and their
24 organizations; individual philanthropists; educators; and funders throughout the country to achieve said
25 goals.

26 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the National Lieutenant Governors Association
27 authorizes its Director, under the direction annually of the Chair, to continue to work with Americans for
28 the Arts to present a *Public Leadership in the Arts Award* to an NLGA member recognizing their strong
29 support for the arts, understanding that same will create no negative fiscal impact to NLGA, and



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30 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the National Lieutenant Governors Association authorizes its
31 Director, under the supervision of the Chair, to continue to review and offer partnering opportunities with
32 Americans for the Arts to pursue research and other potential joint projects, understanding that same will
33 create no negative fiscal impact to NLGA.

ADOPTED, this day, the 29th of March, 2019.

Sponsors: Lt. Governor Mike Cooney (D – Montana), Lt. Governor Garlin Gilchrist (D – Michigan), Lt. Governor Adam Gregg (R – Iowa), Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser (R – Louisiana), Lt. Governor Tregenza Roach (D – Virgin Islands), Lt. Governor David Zuckerman (D – Vermont)