



National Lieutenant Governors Association

Resolution Recognizing That Policymakers Can Help Foster a Housing-Led Economic Recovery

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- 3 **WHEREAS**, homeownership is the bedrock of the American Dream and the foundation on
4 which strong communities, states and the nation are built, and
- 5 **WHEREAS**, the nation faces a shortfall of over 1 million homes to affordably house residents, and
- 6 **WHEREAS**, a worsening shortage of affordable housing is hurting families and communities
7 nationwide, and
- 8 **WHEREAS**, the construction of 100 typical new single-family homes creates 297 full-time jobs and
9 generates \$11 million in government revenue, and
- 10 **WHEREAS**, construction of 100 typical new rental apartments generates 113 jobs and \$4.2 million in
11 government revenue, and
- 12 **WHEREAS**, housing contributes approximately 15% to GDP and was deemed an “Essential
13 Infrastructure Business” by the Department of Homeland Security in 2020 because a healthy housing
14 market is critical to a sound economy, and
- 15 **WHEREAS**, to prevent worker exposure to the coronavirus, home builders across the nation moved
16 swiftly to adopt new safety standards and public health guidelines so they could remain safely on the job
17 and provide much-needed housing.
- 18 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the National Lieutenant Governors
19 Association affirms that home construction must continue to be an integral aspect of the nation’s
20 economic recovery.
- 21 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the National Lieutenant Governors Association
22 recommends that as the nation continues to recover from the coronavirus-induced shutdown, state and
23 local elected officials should support the housing sector by acting in a swift and responsible manner to
24 approve permit applications, inspections, and closings to prevent unnecessary bottlenecks in the home
25 building process.
- 26 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the National Lieutenant Governors Association believes that it is
27 imperative local building departments receive proper funding so that builders and home buyers do not
28 experience delays and increased fees that could worsen the current housing shortage and exacerbate the
29 housing affordability crisis.



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