



National Lieutenant Governors Association

1 **Resolution Supporting Tire Safety Awareness**

2 **WHEREAS**, data from the Federal Highway Administration¹ (FHWA) indicates U.S. motorists traveled
3 more than 3.2 trillion miles on tires in 2021, and

4 **WHEREAS**, maintaining proper tire pressure, periodically rotating and balancing tires according to the
5 vehicle manufacturer’s recommendations (typically every 5,000-7,500 miles), and regularly inspecting
6 tires can help prevent irregular and premature tire wear, and

7 **WHEREAS**, excessively worn tires are more susceptible to punctures and hydroplaning in wet
8 conditions, and

9 **WHEREAS**, proper tread depth helps tires maintain traction and improves handling, and

10 **WHEREAS**, tire tread depth may be checked using a tread depth gauge or simply by inserting an upside
11 down penny into the tread to verify it covers at least a portion of President Lincoln’s head, and

12 **WHEREAS**, under inflation is one of the primary causes of tire disablement and tire failure, and
13 underinflated tires can make controlling your car more difficult, reduce gas mileage, lead to excessive
14 heat build-up and stress, cause irregular wear and internal damage.

15 **WHEREAS**, overinflated tires are more likely to be cut, punctured or damaged when hitting an
16 obstacle, such as a pothole, and

17 **WHEREAS**, the U.S. Tire Manufacturers Association recommends drivers regularly check their tire
18 tread depth, ensure that tires are rotated and properly aligned, and check their tire pressure monthly
19 using a tire gauge while the tires are cold – meaning the car has not been driven for three hours, and

20 **WHEREAS**, a vehicle’s proper tire pressure is affixed to the vehicle’s door jamb next to the driver’s
21 seat and contained in the vehicle owner’s manual, and

22 **WHEREAS**, motorists should visually scan their tires for cuts, cracks, splits, punctures, and bulges, and
23 visit a tire professional to assist with any of these conditions, and

24 **WHEREAS**, spending just a few minutes each month to inspect and maintain your vehicle’s tires can
25 make all the difference in your tires’ safety, life, and performance, and

¹ https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/policyinformation/travel_monitoring/21novvt/figure1.cfm



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26 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the National Lieutenant Governors Association hereby
27 recognizes the importance of regularly inspecting and maintaining a vehicle's tires.

28 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the National Lieutenant Governors Association encourages
29 motorists to periodically inspect and maintain their vehicle tires, including the spare.

30 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the National Lieutenant Governors Association recognizes National
31 Tire Safety Week annually, each year that this resolution is in effect.

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

Sponsors: Lt. Governor Pamela Evette (R – South Carolina), Lt. Governor Garlin Gilchrist (D – Michigan), Lt. Governor Adam Gregg (R – Iowa), Lt. Governor Bethany Hall-Long (D – Delaware), Lt. Governor Jon Husted (R – Ohio), Lt. Governor Randy McNally (R – Tennessee), Lt. Governor Kevin Meyer (R – Alaska), Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser (R – Louisiana), Lt. Governor Josh Tenorio (D – Guam)