



## National Lieutenant Governors Association

### Resolution Supporting the Use of Opioid Abatement Funds

2 **WHEREAS**, provisional data from the CDC’s National Center for Health Statistics indicate there were an  
3 estimated 100,036 drug overdose death in the United States during a 12-month period ending in April  
4 2021, an increase of 28.5% from the 78,056 deaths during the year before<sup>1</sup>, and

5 **WHEREAS**, the new data documents that estimated overdose death from opioids increased to 75,673 in  
6 the same period, up from 56,064 the year before<sup>2</sup>, and

7 **WHEREAS**, nationwide settlements have been reached to resolve opioid litigation brought by states and  
8 local political subdivisions against parties involved in the process of opioid manufacturing and  
9 distribution, and

10 **WHEREAS**, these settlements, if agreed and adopted, will provide substantial funds to states and  
11 subdivisions for abatement of the opioid epidemic across the country and will impose transformative  
12 changes in the way the settling defendants conduct their business<sup>3</sup>.

13 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the National Lieutenant Governors Association (NLGA)  
14 supports multiple strategies to address the opioid epidemic and appropriate use of opioid abatement funds.

15 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the NLGA supports the use of Naloxone or other FDA-approved  
16 drugs to reverse opioid overdoses and increase distribution to individuals who are uninsured or whose  
17 insurance does not cover the service<sup>4</sup>.

18 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the NLGA supports expanding the availability of treatment for  
19 OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, including all forms of Medication-Assisted Treatment  
20 (“MAT”) approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration<sup>5</sup>.

21 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the NLGA supports funding to expand warm hand-off programs and  
22 recovery services such as navigators and on-call teams in hospital emergency departments; and  
23 comprehensive wrap-around services which may include housing, transportation, job placement/training  
24 and childcare<sup>6</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/pressroom/nchs\\_press\\_releases/2021/20211117.htm](https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/pressroom/nchs_press_releases/2021/20211117.htm)

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/pressroom/nchs\\_press\\_releases/2021/20211117.htm](https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/pressroom/nchs_press_releases/2021/20211117.htm)

<sup>3</sup> <https://nationalopioidsettlement.com/>

<sup>4</sup> [https://nationalopioidsettlement.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Final-Distributor-Settlement-Agreement-12.23.21\\_Exhibit-Updates.pdf](https://nationalopioidsettlement.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Final-Distributor-Settlement-Agreement-12.23.21_Exhibit-Updates.pdf) page 120

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25 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the NLGA supports funding to provide evidence-based treatment  
26 and recovery support, for persons with OUD and co-occurring SUD/MH disorder within and transitioning  
27 out of the criminal justice system.<sup>7</sup>

28 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the NLGA supports funding for evidence-based prevention  
29 programs in schools; medical provider education regarding best prescribing practices for opioids;  
30 community drug disposal programs and post-overdose response teams or similar strategies that connect  
31 individuals to behavioral health services and supports<sup>8</sup>.

32 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the NLGA supports evidence-based data collection and research  
33 analyzing the effectiveness of the abatement strategies within each state<sup>9</sup>.

ADOPTED, this day, the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July, 2022.

Sponsors: Lt. Governor Bethany Hall-Long (D – Delaware), Lt. Governor Boyd Rutherford (R – Maryland)

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