



## National Lieutenant Governors Association

### 1 **Resolution in Support of Educating the Public on Available Alzheimer's Resources**

2 **WHEREAS**, Alzheimer's disease, "the most common cause of dementia," causes the development of  
3 memory loss and cognitive disabilities so severe that patients' daily lives are uprooted<sup>1</sup>, and

4 **WHEREAS**, Alzheimer's is a progressive disease, worsening over several years<sup>2</sup>, and

5 **WHEREAS**, Alzheimer's is the 6<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death in the United States,<sup>3</sup> and 122,019 people  
6 died from Alzheimer's disease in 2018<sup>4</sup>, and

7 **WHEREAS**, 5.8 million American's currently live with Alzheimer's – a number expected to rise to  
8 roughly 14 million by 2050<sup>5</sup>, and

9 **WHEREAS**, "every 65 seconds someone in the United States develops" this chronic condition<sup>6</sup>, and

10 **WHEREAS**, deaths from Alzheimer's increased by 146% between 2000 and 2018<sup>7</sup>, and

11 **WHEREAS**, 54% of those aged 45 and older with subjective cognitive decline have not talked to a  
12 health care provider about their memory issues<sup>8</sup> and 50% of primary care physicians believe that the  
13 medical profession is not ready for the growing number of people with Alzheimer's or other dementias<sup>9</sup>,  
14 and

15 **WHEREAS**, many people with this chronic condition are not diagnosed<sup>10</sup>, and

16 **WHEREAS**, caring for persons with Alzheimer's and dementia in 2020 will cost the nation \$305  
17 billion.<sup>11</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.alz.org/alzheimers-dementia/what-is-alzheimers>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.alz.org/alzheimers-dementia/what-is-alzheimers>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.alz.org/alzheimers-dementia/facts-figures>

<sup>4</sup> <https://alz.org/media/Documents/alzheimers-facts-and-figures.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.alz.org/alzheimers-dementia/facts-figures>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.alz.org/alzheimers-dementia/facts-figures>

<sup>7</sup> <https://alz.org/media/Documents/alzheimers-facts-and-figures.pdf>

<sup>8</sup> <https://alz.org/media/Documents/subjective-cognitive-decline-in-us.pdf>

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.alz.org/alzheimers-dementia/facts-figures>

<sup>10</sup> <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2787842/>

<sup>11</sup> <https://www.alz.org/alzheimers-dementia/facts-figures>



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18 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the National Lieutenant Governor's  
19 Association (NLGA) will work within their respective states to improve awareness and organization of  
20 Alzheimer's resources through public education campaigns to generate knowledge on available local,  
21 state, and national resources, and to increase the percentage of people with Alzheimer's accessing these  
22 resources.

23 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that NLGA members will work within their respective states to  
24 implement or improve continuing education for doctors regarding Alzheimer's.

25 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that NLGA supports the National Alzheimer's Plan in its goal to  
26 prevent and effectively treat Alzheimer's disease by 2025.

ADOPTED, this day, the \_\_\_\_\_ of July, 2020.

Sponsors: Lt. Governor Pamela Evette (R – South Carolina), Lt. Governor Josh Green (D – Hawaii), Lt. Governor Tim Griffin (R – Arkansas), Lt. Governor Boyd Rutherford (R – Maryland), Lt. Governor Juliana Stratton (D – Illinois)