



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 uprooted¹, and

4 **WHEREAS**, Alzheimer's is a progressive disease, worsening over several years², and

5 **WHEREAS**, Alzheimer's is the 6th leading cause of death in the United States,³ and 122,019 people
6 died from Alzheimer's disease in 2018⁴, and

7 **WHEREAS**, 5.8 million American's currently live with Alzheimer's – a number expected to rise to
8 roughly 14 million by 2050⁵, and

9 **WHEREAS**, "every 65 seconds someone in the United States develops" this chronic condition⁶, and

10 **WHEREAS**, deaths from Alzheimer's increased by 146% between 2000 and 2018⁷, 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 issues⁸ 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 dementias⁹,
14 and

15 **WHEREAS**, many people with this chronic condition are not diagnosed¹⁰, and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

¹¹ <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 29th 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)