



National Lieutenant Governors Association

Resolution to be Proactive in Meeting the Transformative, Historic Aging of Society Starting in 2030

1 **WHEREAS**, the U.S. Census Bureau projects the 2030s will be a transformative decade for the U.S.
2 population¹, and

3 **WHEREAS**, this is just seven years from today, and

4 **WHEREAS**, in 2030 all members of the baby boomer generation will be older than 65 years old¹, and

5 **WHEREAS**, by 2034, the U.S. Census Bureau projects that older adults will outnumber children for
6 the first time in U.S. history¹, and

7 **WHEREAS**, beyond 2030, the U.S. population is projected to grow slowly, to age considerably, and
8 to become more racially and ethnically diverse, according to the U.S. Census Bureau¹, and

9 **WHEREAS**, “In the history of the human species, there’s never been a time like [this],” said Dr.
10 Richard Hodes, director of the National Institute on Aging, referring to the changing balance
11 between young people and old², and

12 **WHEREAS**, the aging population in the United States means that society has the responsibility and
13 opportunity to adapt and reimagine communities with largest numbers of older people³, and

14 **WHEREAS**, this marks a national inflection point in science, technology, and more, as researchers,
15 policymakers, associations, businesses, and more contemplate what the increase in the aging
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¹ <https://www.census.gov/content/dam/Census/library/publications/2020/demo/p25-1144.pdf>, US Census Bureau. “Demographic Turning Points for the United States: Population Projections for 2020 to 2060,” February 2020

² <https://khn.org/news/what-the-2020s-have-in-store-for-aging-boomers/>, Kaiser Health News, “What The 2020s Have In Store For Aging Boomers,” January 2020

³ <https://www.statista.com/statistics/241494/median-age-of-the-us-population/#:~:text=Median%20age%20of%20the%20U.S.%20population%201960%2D2021&text=In%202021%2C%20the%20median%20age,even%20younger%2C%20at%2029.5%20years>, Statista, December 12, 2022

18 population will mean for the workplace, economy, healthcare, intergenerational and older adult
19 communities, socialization, aging at home, and more⁴, and

20 **WHEREAS**, as the general population and workforce get older and live longer, U.S. competitiveness
21 will depend on how we support and prepare people at every stage of life and career, employers,
22 and our society more broadly for this demographic shift⁴, and

23 **WHEREAS**, intergenerational concerns will likely grow, such as growing demands on family
24 caregivers, and the number of working adults as compared to retired older Americans, and

25 **WHEREAS**, the number of older Americans remaining in the workforce is also likely to grow as these
26 trends actualize, and workforce changes may be needed as a result, and

27 **WHEREAS**, to meet these changes, the “world of aging” policies, programs, and organizations may
28 need to be inventoried, assessed, researched, and/or modernized, including access to and
29 implementation and adopted use of technology, to create an effective and efficient 21st Century
30 system of networks to improve services, resources and opportunities for current and future older
31 adults, address overall societal impacts, and to prepare for unmet needs.

32 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that NLGA will work to assist officials and the public to be
33 aware of these demographic realities for policy considerations from housing, health, technology,
34 workforce, recreation, and more.

35 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that NLGA will join in recognition of Older Americans month each May.

36 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that NLGA will join in recognition of Healthy Aging Month each
37 September.

38 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that NLGA recognizes the importance of collaboration among Federal,
39 State, Tribal, local and community officials, private, and not-for-profit entities and individuals in
40 preparation for and response to these changing societal demographics

41 ADOPTED, this day, the 22nd of March, 2023.

42 Co-Sponsors: *TBD*

43 *Proposed for the docket by:* Rhode Island Lt. Governor Sabina Matos

⁴ <https://www.forbes.com/sites/deborahwince-smith/2022/02/25/bracing-for-the-silver-tsunami/?sh=4295ca0d33e4>,
Forbes, “Bracing for the Silver Tsunami,” February 25, 2022