



National Lieutenant Governors Association

Resolution In Support of National Guard Facilities

WHEREAS, stronger investment in upgraded National Guard facilities is needed for the security of our states and for the military readiness of the Nation but also is a powerful way to create and preserve jobs;

WHEREAS, in today's global environment, our National Guard is called upon far more frequently than in the past for overseas deployments;

WHEREAS, the National Guard provides crucial capabilities to alleviate suffering and recover from damage when disaster strikes and these critical homeland and overseas missions of today's National Guard demands higher readiness and greater capability;

WHEREAS, the average Army National Guard facility is 41 years old with 24% being more than 60 years old;

WHEREAS, investing in National Guard facilities is a uniquely effective means of stimulating local economies;

WHEREAS, Army and Air National Guard facilities are not concentrated on large military installations but are instead widely distributed across more than 3,200 communities in America;

WHEREAS, the average National Guard military construction project is less than half the cost of an active component military construction project so that National Guard facilities investments go further and assist communities more broadly;

WHEREAS, concurrent and proportional fielding of new weapon systems in both the Active Duty Air Force and the Air National Guard, using the Active Associate Construct, best leverages access to the equipment and the experience and community based roots of the Air National Guard,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Lieutenant Governors Association recommends that the President should request and the Congress should authorize and fund an increase in military construction and facilities maintenance for both the Army and the Air National Guard.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent by the NLGA to the President of the United States, Vice President of the United States, the Speaker of the House, and the President of the U.S. Senate, and that NLGA make all state elected officials aware of passage of the resolution through a notice in StateNews magazine, and that NLGA further post the text of the resolution to its web page making the resolution available at all times for all NLGA members, state elected officials, to the presidential candidates from both parties, and other interested parties.

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