



National Lieutenant Governors Association

Resolution In Support of National Guard Strength

WHEREAS, our Nation faces a daunting economic crisis at a time when global threats remain troubling and this demands that America's resources be employed as efficiently as possible;

WHEREAS, the Commission on the National Guard and Reserves issued its final report stating that the reserve components are a cost-effective force and are this nation's insurance policy against unexpected events, that they provide a daily connection between the military and their civilian communities, they constitute a significant pool of pretrained manpower, and are well-suited for a leading role in homeland response activities ;

WHEREAS, the Commission on the National Guard and Reserves reported its belief that before following through on plans to significantly enlarge the active components of the armed forces, the nation must carefully consider whether investing more in the reserves might be the better long-term choice;

WHEREAS, both the Army and the Air National Guard are poised to grow having demonstrated strong capabilities to recruit and retain Americans willing to serve as citizen soldiers and airmen even at personal risk and the burden of frequent calls to duty ;

WHEREAS, Army National Guard readiness can be increased and the disruptive cross leveling of people to fill empty spaces in units prior to deployment can be reduced by providing a higher strength authorization;

WHEREAS, more Air Force missions should be shifted to the Air National Guard along with the authorization for the personnel strength to fulfill those missions;

WHEREAS, increased end strength of the Army and Air National Guard will provide a larger number of trained and ready military manpower available to State governments ready to answer the call when disaster strikes.;

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 the authorized end strength of 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, and other interested parties.

Finally passed this 13th day of March, 2009.

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