



National Lieutenant Governors Association

Resolution In Support of Economic Development Dialogue with Mexico

Whereas, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) program supports U.S.- Mexico cooperation to strengthen democratic institutions and economic competitiveness, particularly rule of law, security, and broad-based economic opportunity in Mexico and between the two countries, and

Whereas, a platform is established of a collaborative partnerships which hold periodic exchanges between state attorney generals, treasurers, and other state leaders of the U.S. and Mexico, and

Whereas, trade and investment are powerful engines that drive economic growth and reduce poverty at home and abroad, and

Whereas, lieutenant governors are leaders on the international stage and in a variety of economic development roles, and

Whereas, lieutenant governors collectively hold unique positions which make them both legislative and executive branch leaders, and

Whereas, an opportunity exists for NLGA and its members to enhance the role of states in addressing shared public policy and economic concerns that transcend international borders,

Whereas, NLGA has an opportunity to subcontract with The Council of State Governments (CSG) to accept a three- year grant and monetary support including for staffing of an exchange and dialogue program,

Therefore, be it resolved, that the National Lieutenant Governors Association (NLGA) commits to a three-year program as part of a state alliance partnership with the USAID and NLGA's secretariat The Council of State Governments (CSG), and

Be it further resolved, that NLGA and its members will seek to strengthen state legislative-executive branch capacity in Mexico and will seek to establish new mechanisms of cooperation among leaders of both countries in economic development issues, and

Be it finally resolved, NLGA will achieve these goals through periodic exchanges, mutually beneficial dialogue at forums, and by establishing ongoing relationships.

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