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2 **RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE SCHOOL SYSTEMS TO HAVE**
3 **EPINEPHRINE READILY AVAILABLE FOR TREATING ANAPHYLACTIC**
4 **REACTIONS**

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6 **WHEREAS**, anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that is rapid in onset and may
7 cause death; and

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9 **WHEREAS**, anaphylaxis is commonly caused by a variety of triggers including food,
10 medication, latex and insect stings; and

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12 **WHEREAS**, twelve million Americans have food allergies; three million are children
13 under the age of eighteen; and

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15 **WHEREAS**, food allergies affect 4% of the population and the prevalence is increasing
16 among children; and

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18 **WHEREAS**, according to the centers for Disease Control and Prevention, food allergy
19 causes more than 300,000 ambulatory care visits each year involving children under 18;,
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22 **WHEREAS**, prompt administration of epinephrine (adrenaline) is key to treating a
23 potentially fatal anaphylactic reaction; and

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25 **WHEREAS**, anaphylactic reactions in children occur in school, and approximately 20-
26 25% of these occur in a child whose allergic condition was unknown by the school at the
27 time of the reaction, and therefore, there was no prescribed epinephrine on hand for that
28 particular child; and

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30 **WHEREAS**, healthcare professionals recognize that anaphylactic reactions require
31 immediate care, primarily the administration of epinephrine; and

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33 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the NLGA encourages school systems
34 to have the ability to treat anaphylactic reactions even in the absence of a specific patient
35 order; and

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37 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the NLGA will promote the ability of states and
38 schools to allow the maintenance of a sufficient supply of epinephrine in schools; and
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40 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the NLGA encourages appropriate training to
41 school personnel on awareness of anaphylaxis, emergency response procedures, and the
42 proper administration of epinephrine; and

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44 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the NLGA encourages protection from liability
45 for appropriately trained school personnel in instances of administration of epinephrine in
46 the school setting.

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