



## National Lieutenant Governors Association

### **IN SUPPORT OF 'ENDING CERVICAL CANCER IN OUR LIFETIME'**

**WHEREAS**, cervical cancer is a nearly preventable disease, yet 10,000 American women are expected to develop cervical cancer in 2010 and 3,700 women will die from it, according to the National Women's Health Resource Center, and

**WHEREAS**, cervical cancer is the second most common form of cancer found in women which also may be curable if found at an early stage, and

**WHEREAS**, a virus called human papillomavirus (HPV) causes 99.7% of all cervical cancer cases and whereas nearly all sexually active women will be infected with HPV at some point in their life, and

**WHEREAS**, there are no symptoms with HPV, and it usually goes away without treatment, but for too many women, HPV stays in the body for a period of years and causes cervical cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, a Pap test, a simple, painless test done in minutes in a doctor's office or clinic, may detect abnormal cells in the cervix caused by HPV which precede cervical cancer, and

**WHEREAS**, cervical cancer can be prevented or cured by removing the abnormal cells before they become cancerous, and

**WHEREAS**, often, there are no early symptoms so women should have Pap tests and other preventive services done regularly, and

**WHEREAS**, in recent years, the U.S. death rate from cervical cancer decreased but the rate of invasive cervical cancer is up, and

**WHEREAS**, according to the American Cancer Society, cervical cancer affects women in every demographic, with the incidence and mortality rate of cervical cancer highest among African American and Hispanic women, and with more than half the women who now develop cervical cancer having either rarely or never had a Pap test or other preventive services, and

**WHEREAS**, if a woman thinks she cannot afford a Pap test, she could call the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) at 800-CDC-INFO (232-4636) where she will be connected with a program in her state providing free or low-cost Pap testing to low-income, uninsured, and underserved women,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the members of the National Lieutenant Governors Association (NLGA) are spreading the word about HPV and cervical cancer to help people make the connection between the virus and the cancer, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, NLGA will make the “Ending Cervical Cancer in Our Lifetime” campaign which includes educational brochures and other information available to as many states and territories as possible, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, NLGA will maintain an educational web site on the topic, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, we can end cervical cancer in our lifetime. Pass the information on to someone you know and help save a life.

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