



## National Lieutenant Governors Association

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### **TWENTY-TWO GUBERNATORIAL SUCCESSIONS 2000 - 2010**

Twenty-two (22) gubernatorial successions occurred between 2000 and today. “The office of lieutenant governor is a vital office with an occupant who plays a critical daily and long-range role in state government,” said National Lieutenant Governor Association (NLGA) Director Julia Hurst.

Two additional gubernatorial successions were publicly contemplated in 2009. In December of 2008, the New Mexico governor announced his intent to resign to become a member of the President’s Cabinet and the lieutenant governor began transition preparation. On January 4, 2009, the governor withdrew his name from nomination and remained governor. In June of 2009, the South Carolina governor became the subject of national news coverage regarding his inaccessibility for communication during an undisclosed international trip. Media speculation surfaced regarding his possible resignation.

Thirteen current governors first served as lieutenant governor or first in line of succession. These include the governors in Alaska, Arizona, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Nebraska, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, and West Virginia.

### **NLGA MEMBERS WHO BECAME GOVERNOR THROUGH SUCCESSION 2000 – 2010**

October 2000	Missouri Lt. Governor Roger Wilson to governor due to death
December 2000	Texas Lt. Governor Rick Perry to governor when George W. Bush elected
January 2001	Delaware Acting Governor Ruth Ann Minner to governor due to resignation
January 2001	Wisconsin Lt. Governor Scott McCallum to governor due to resignation
January 2001	New Jersey Sen. Pres. Donald DiFrancesco to governor due to resignation
April 2001	Massachusetts Acting Governor Jane Swift to governor due to resignation
October 2001	Pennsylvania Lt. Governor Mark Schweiker to governor due to resignation
<i>Late '02 – Early '03</i>	<i>New Jersey “Five-governors-in-Seven days” successions</i>
April 2003	American Samoa Lt. Governor Togiola Tulafono to governor due to death
September 2003	Indiana Lt. Governor Frank O’ Bannon to governor due to death
November 2003	Utah Lt. Governor Olene Walker to governor due to resignation



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July 2004	Connecticut Lt. Governor M. Jodi Rell to governor due to resignation
November 2004	New Jersey Sen. Pres. Richard Codey to governor due to resignation
January 2005	Nebraska Lt. Governor Dave Heineman to governor due to resignation
May 2006	Idaho Lt. Governor Jim Risch to governor due to resignation
March 2008	New York Lt. Governor David Paterson to governor due to resignation
January 2009	Arizona Sec. of State Jan Brewer to governor due to resignation
January 2009	Illinois Lt. Governor Pat Quinn to governor due to impeachment
April 2009	Kansas Lt. Governor Mark Parkinson to governor due to resignation
July 2009	Alaska Lt. Governor Sean Parnell to governor due to resignation
August 2009	Utah Lt. Governor Gary Herbert to governor due to resignation
November 2010	West Virginia Lt. Governor Earl Ray Tomblin due to resignation
December 2010	North Dakota Lt. Governor Jack Dalrymple due to resignation

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