



## National Lieutenant Governors Association

1 **A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PREVENTING AND EFFECTIVELY TREATING**  
2 **ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE BY 2025**

3 **WHEREAS**, Alzheimer's disease, the most common form of dementia, is a debilitating, devastating and  
4 fatal disease that causes marked decline in memory, executive function, ability to recognize or identify  
5 familiar objects, and decline in cognitive abilities severe enough to interfere with daily life, and

6 **WHEREAS**, Alzheimer's affects an estimated 5.4 million people in the United States, and

7 **WHEREAS**, in 2011, 15.2 million friends and family members of individuals with Alzheimer's and other  
8 dementias provided 17.4 billion hours of unpaid care valued at more than \$210 billion, and

9 **WHEREAS**, paid care for people with Alzheimer's and other dementias will cost the United States and  
10 estimated \$200 billion in 2012, including \$140 billion paid by Medicare and  
11 Medicaid, and

12 **WHEREAS**, average per person Medicaid payments for a senior citizen with Alzheimer's and other  
13 dementias are nearly **19** times higher than for seniors without these condition, and

14 **WHEREAS**, Alzheimer's disease is the fifth leading cause of death for those aged 65 and older, and is the  
15 only one of the top 10 causes of death without a way to prevent, cure, or even slow its progression, and

16 **WHEREAS**, through clinical trials, scientists test new ways to detect, treat and prevent Alzheimer's  
17 disease and related dementias, and

18 **WHEREAS**, more than 100 research studies pertaining to Alzheimer's disease and other dementias are  
19 currently underway and recruiting volunteers, and

20 **WHEREAS**, increased enrollment in clinical trials is crucial for the development of better treatments and  
21 ultimately a cure for Alzheimer's disease, and

22 **WHEREAS**, NLGA members are engaged in 'Be the Cure' for 2015 promoting awareness of clinical  
23 trials to constituents, and

24 **WHEREAS**, recruiting and retaining trial participants is now the greatest obstacle, other than funding, to  
25 developing the next generation of Alzheimer's treatments, and

26 **WHEREAS**, on May 15, 2012, the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)  
27 released the nation's first-ever National Alzheimer's Plan, reaffirming the country's commitment to  
28 conquering Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, with a specific goal of finding effective ways to  
29 prevent and treat the disease by 2025, and

30 **WHEREAS**, the National Alzheimer's Plan recommends that HHS convene representatives from across  
31 all levels of government, academic medical research institutions, and the private sector to create an action  
32 plan for increasing enrollment in clinical trials, and



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33 **WHEREAS**, HHS and the Department of Veterans Affairs will continue to develop and conduct clinical  
34 trials on the most promising pharmaceuticals for the prevention and treatment of  
35 Alzheimer's disease at an increased pace to advance the progress of these trials,

36 **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the National Lieutenant Governors Association  
37 (NLGA) supports the National Alzheimer's Plan goal to prevent and effectively treat Alzheimer's disease  
38 by 2025, and

39 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the members of the NLGA will work within their respective  
40 states, territories, academic medical research institutions, and private sectors to encourage increased  
41 enrollment in Alzheimer's and dementia clinical trials, particularly through the 2015 'Be the Cure'  
42 campaign, and

43 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the  
44 United States, the Vice-President of the United States, the Secretary of the Department of Health and  
45 Human Services, the Speaker and Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives and the  
46 Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States Senate, the chairs of the appropriate Congressional  
47 committees, and that the NLGA make all state elected officials aware of passage of the resolution, and  
48 that the NLGA further post the full text of the resolution to its web page making the resolution available  
49 at all times for all NLGA members, state elected officials, and other interested parties.

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