



## National Lieutenant Governors Association

1 **RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE GEN “I” STATE CHALLENGE TO SUPPORT**  
2 **NATIVE YOUTH**

3 WHEREAS, President Obama and the leaders of state governments understand that what  
4 happens to the approximately 1.9 million American Indians and Alaska Natives in more than 30  
5 states covering every region of the country is critically important to the future of the United  
6 States; and

7 WHEREAS, President Obama recently launched his new Generation Indigenous Initiative (Gen-  
8 I); and

9 WHEREAS, the Gen-I initiative is meant to break down barriers standing between Native youth  
10 and their opportunity to succeed; and

11 WHEREAS, the goal of this challenge is to encourage states across the country to meaningfully  
12 consult and partner with tribal governments and work with urban Indian organizations to  
13 improve the lives of Native youth; and

14 WHEREAS, these increased efforts will improve the lives of future generations of Native youth  
15 as well as strengthen state –tribal relationships through the collaboration of policy agendas and  
16 sharing of best practices;

17 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the National Lieutenant Governors Association  
18 hereby encourages its members to take the challenge, and reach out and partner with tribal  
19 leaders in their state, as well as urban institutions and organizations, to plan and convene a dialog  
20 on current initiatives, challenges and areas the partnership can collaborate on to improve the lives  
21 of Native youth and their systems of support.

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