National Lieutenant Governors Association

Resolution in Support of Collaboration on
A State Military and Veterans Arts Initiative

Whereas, the National Lieutenant Governors Association (NLGA) and its members, who are state
seconds-in-command, have a deep, long-standing, and broad commitment to the nation’s active duty
military members and to veterans, and

Whereas, the NLGA and Americans for the Arts have a 12-year dynamic and impactful working
relationship, and

Whereas, the NLGA and Americans for the Arts share a common commitment to strengthening the
health and well-being of active duty military members, veterans, their families and caregivers through
promoting the arts in America, and

Whereas, the NLGA and Americans for the Arts desire to explore a collaborative “State Military and
Veterans Arts Initiative,” and

Whereas, through the proposed State Military and Veterans Arts Initiative, NLGA will promote
information resources, deliver education programs, and facilitate opportunities for the seconds-in-
command in the states to engage in efforts to promote and/or support arts-based services and programs
aimed at strengthening the health and well-being of active duty military members, veterans, their families,
and caregivers, and

Whereas, when and where possible, NLGA will facilitate the active participation of said officials in arts
promotion and services and the Americans for the Arts will provide funding, collaborate in the creation of
information resources and education programs, and lend its expertise in helping members to develop
work plans customized for their states, and

Whereas, the parties’ mutual goals are to increase visibility, understanding, and support for the care of
persons across the military continuum (service members, veterans, their families, and caregivers) and the
role the arts can play in their health and wellness, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the National Lieutenant Governors Association (NLGA)
and Americans for the Arts will proceed to develop and implement a joint, two-year “State Military and
Veterans Arts Initiative,” and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the National Lieutenant Governors Association authorizes its Director,
under the direction of the Chair and/or designee, to execute and manage the Initiative, as funded and
agreed to by the parties, such that it creates no negative fiscal impact to NLGA; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Initiative may kick off or begin as early as the 2017 Annual Meeting if
the agreement and funding are in place.

Sponsors: Lt. Gov. Matt Michels, SD and Lt. Gov. Dan McKee, RI. Additional Co-Sponsors: Secretary of
State Michele Reagan, AZ; Lt. Gov. Victor Hocog, MP; Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, IN; Lt. Gov. Evelyn
Sanguinetti, IL.