



National Lieutenant Governors Association

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

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

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

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

11 Whereas, the NLGA and Americans for the Arts desire to explore a collaborative "State Military and
12 Veterans Arts Initiative," and

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sponsors: Lt. Gov. Matt Michels, SD and Lt. Gov. Dan McKee, RI. Additional Co-Sponsors: Lt.
Governor TBD