

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTS

WHEREAS, the members of the National Lieutenant Governors Association recognize many members play key roles in the promotion of the arts and culture in the United States and its territories; and

WHEREAS, nearly every member works with arts promotion in some way, and

WHEREAS, the arts enhance the lives of all Americans and affect every aspect of life in America today including the economy, social problem solving, job creation, education, creativity, and community livability; and

WHEREAS, Americans for the Arts is the nation's leading nonprofit organization for advancing the arts in America; and

WHEREAS, with 45 years of service, Americans for the Arts is dedicated to representing and serving state and local communities and creating opportunities for every American to participate in and appreciate all forms of the arts; and

WHEREAS, according to the Americans for the Arts 2002 benchmark report, *Arts in Economic Prosperity*, the nonprofit arts industry generates \$134 billion annually in economic activity, supports 4.85 million full-time equivalent jobs and returns \$7.3 billion to state treasuries in income taxes, and

WHEREAS, Americans for the Arts partners with local, state and national arts organizations; civic organizations; government agencies; business leaders; elected and appointed government officials and their organizations; individual philanthropists; educators; and funders throughout the country to achieve said goals;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Lieutenant Governors Association authorizes its Director, under the direction annually of the Chair, to work with Americans for the Arts to present a *Public Leadership in the Arts Award* to a NLGA member recognizing their strong support for the arts, understanding that same will create no negative fiscal impact to NLGA, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the National Lieutenant Governors Association authorizes its Director, under the supervision of the Chair, to review and offer partnering opportunities with Americans for the Arts to pursue research and other potential joint projects, understanding that same will create no negative fiscal impact to NLGA.

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