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ACTION ITEMS

JUST 90-DAYS TO NEW ORLEANS! Reserve a hotel room NOW for the NLGA Annual Meeting June 27 - 29, 2018. See details at [NLGA Annual Meeting 2018 in New Orleans](#).

To co-sponsor a resolution passed at the NLGA March Meeting, email NLGA's Kellie Wise at kwise@nlga.us by April 15, 2018. (see full text at [NLGA Policy Resolutions \(www.nlga.us\)](#) :

1. Resolution Regarding Cancer Screening Week
2. Resolution regarding Shingles in the Elderly
3. Progressive Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Day Resolution
4. Resolution in Support of Evidence Based Medical Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder
5. The Role of the States and Federal Government for Success in the Global Economy: A Resolution Regarding Trade, International Investment, and Exports
6. Resolution to Promote Healthy Living
7. Resolution in Support of STEM Education

8. Resolution Encouraging States to Reengage Adults in Higher Education
9. Resolution in Support of Children Having Access to Nutritious Meals

HOLD THE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR : The Federal-State Relations Meetings for lieutenant governors & seconds-in-command. Both meetings will be at The Madison, Washington D.C.

- NLGA 2019 Federal State Relations Meeting: March 27 – 29, 2019
- NLGA 2020 Federal State Relations Meeting: March 25 – 27, 2020

YOU *IN THE NEWS*

Indiana Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch , who is also the state Secretary of Agriculture, said the state is letting the Administration know of concerns of a possible trade war with China which may impact tariffs on pork. Likewise, Washington Lt. Governor Cyrus Habib said, "(Washington) exports more per capita than any other state, and therefore stands to lose the most in the event of a trade war. Particularly ... 15% tariffs on fruit and wine, two critical Washington state commodities," referenced in proposed reciprocal tariffs announced by China. See NLGA policy resolution on International Trade : [NLGA Policy Resolutions \(www.nlga.us\)](http://www.nlga.us) . You can co-sponsor until April 15, 2018.

West Virginia Lt. Governor - Senate President Mitch Carmichael met with more than 40 county school superintendents over teacher pay as teachers were on the seventh day of a statewide strike. Alaska Lt. Governor Byron Mallott supports Alaska's Pacific Salmon Treaty negotiating team as the international agreement is being renegotiated.

Missouri Lt. Governor Mike Parson split with the governor to vote against tax credits for a sports complex saying he couldn't support that while the state is refusing to issue low-income housing tax credits. Louisiana Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser testified in a state House Appropriations Committee against an \$8.2-million cut to tourism funding saying next to sales tax and income tax, tourism generates more tax dollars than anything else in the state. And, Rhode Island Lt. Governor Dan McKee testified to and petitioned the Public Utility Commission (PUC) about electric rates and the PUC ordered a provider to revise its utility rates in response to the reduction in federal corporate tax.

Alabama's seven living former lieutenant governors said in interviews that although the office is currently vacant, it's extremely important and its powers should not be diminished. (AL.com)

Arkansas Lt. Governor Tim Griffin vice-chaired the Transformation Advisory Board which backs a government transformation proposal to reduce the number of Cabinet-level agencies from 42 to fewer than 20. Massachusetts Lt. Governor Karyn Polito said since the Polito-Baker administration got involved with the broadband issue in 2015, only 10 of the 53 towns without broadband are still without definite plans for high-speed internet build-out.

Kentucky Lt. Governor Jenean Hampton will lead a state delegation on an aerospace trade and business mission to Canada next month. Montana Lt. Governor Mike Cooney said the recreational use of public lands has over a \$7-Billion a year impact on the state's economy. Iowa Lt. Governor Adam Gregg unveiled the State Historical Society's Local History Network to expand access to training to local groups.

Wisconsin Lt. Governor Rebecca Kleefisch highlights aviation in her state and Montana Lt. Governor Mike Cooney highlights apprenticeship in [NLGA Member Spotlights](#).

SPOTLIGHT

PLAN TO ATTEND NLGA MEETINGS

NLGA Meetings are the exclusive opportunity for lieutenant governors and the seconds-in-command to meet and discuss efficiencies, tips, and best practices in a bi-partisan environment. Please mark the dates of YOUR meetings on YOUR calendar and plan to give yourself and your state or territory a seat at the table. Louisiana Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser said NLGA Annual Meeting attendees will visit Mardi Gras World: Where Mardi Gras is Made during the June 27 - 29, 2018, NLGA Annual Meeting! Make hotel room reservations NOW at [NLGA Annual Meeting 2018 in New Orleans](#) - NLGA will sell out!

Virginia Lt. Governor Justin Fairfax will host the NLGA New Elect & Business Meeting in Alexandria & Arlington Cemetery, Virginia (metro DC), November 28 – 30, 2018.

"Always great to see the amazing, bipartisan work that still happens with the nation's top Lieutenant Governors through NLGA. Great meetings!"

Jim Woods, Steel Recycling Institute (3/17/18, Twitter)

Please hold these dates in your calendar : NLGA will meet in Washington D.C. at The Madison Hotel March 27 – 29, 2019, and from March 25 – 27, 2020.

Congratulations to Delaware Lt. Governor Bethany Hall Long who was selected to host the NLGA Annual Meeting 2019 in Delaware and to Washington Lt. Governor Cyrus Habib who was selected to host the NLGA Annual Meeting in 2020.

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NLGA Partner Comcast reported at a rural broadband meeting led by Massachusetts Lt. Governor Karyn Polito that Comcast will meet or exceed its agreement to extend cable broadband to 96% of the “cable towns.”

Rhode Island Lt. Governor Dan McKee worked with his state Alzheimer's Association to get two grants totaling \$30,000 to update the state's five-year plan on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders.

NLGA Members approved a policy resolution to Promote Healthy Living in the states and territories: [NLGA Policy Resolutions \(www.nlga.us\)](#). NLGA Partners like CVSHealth and the American College of Cardiology support efforts to curb tobacco use and promote wellness. The American Beverage Association and America's leading beverage companies – like The Coca-Cola Company and PepsiCo - have meaningful impact through voluntary industry efforts to combat obesity through efforts to reduce sugar and calories consumed from beverages. And, NLGA recognizes outcomes studies like those of Walgreens' Center for Health & Wellbeing Research underpin improvements in health and wellness in America. You can co-sponsor this resolution until April 15, 2018, by emailing kwise@nlga.us.

NLGA thanks Bayer for sponsoring the appearance of Dr. Mae Jemison to speak about STEM and motivating students at the D.C. Meeting.

OF NOTE...

Hawaii Lt. Governor Doug Chin blogs about his time at the NLGA Federal-State Relations meeting: [Hawaii Lt. Governor Blog](#).

New York Lt. Governor Kathy Hochul won the NLGA-Takeda Public Leadership in Promoting Healthy Lives award. She is Co-Chair of the NYS Heroin and Opioid Task Force and is co-founder of a home for victims of domestic abuse.

Oklahoma Lt. Governor Todd Lamb was recognized for his leadership at NLGA as a Past-Chair and Annual Meeting host.

Congratulations Virginia Lt. Governor Justin Fairfax on being named to the NLGA Executive Committee!

South Dakota Lt. Governor Matt Michels received the Distinguished Legislative Service award from the South Dakota Chamber of Commerce during Business Day at the Legislature in Pierre.

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PLAN TO ATTEND

NLGA Annual Mtg

New Orleans, LA

June 27 - 29, 2018

NLGA Business Mtg

Old Town, VA &

Arlington Cemetery

Nov. 28- 30, 2018

NLGA Federal Mtg

Washington D.C.

March 27 - 29, 2019