



**RESOLUTION OF THE
NATIONAL GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION**

The following resolution is proposed for adoption by the National Governors Association.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 7.03 of the NGA Bylaws, the Executive Committee approved the creation of three bipartisan task forces to advance the mission of the Association, and

WHEREAS, Governors believe federal action should be limited to the powers expressly conveyed by the Constitution, preserving state sovereignty in legislative and regulatory matters the Executive Committee has added the following bipartisan priorities:

- 1) Enhancing emergency management;
- 2) Streamlining permitting processes;
- 3) Supporting flexibility and waiver opportunities and funding for state and territorial designed Medicaid, SNAP, and TANF;
- 4) Ensuring the federal government meets its already committed obligations for federally funded projects across states, territories and Commonwealths.

WHEREAS, the task forces have been meeting to discuss issues and policies that impact Governors of the states and territories of the United States, and

WHEREAS, the task forces have developed the following list of federal priorities to advance the mission of the Association:

Task Force on Economic Development and Revitalization

- 1) Accelerating infrastructure project delivery and streamlining permitting, while establishing Governors priorities for the next surface transportation reauthorization;
- 2) Advancing technology innovation and securing energy resilience to strengthen the country's economy and national security;
- 3) Working with Congress on the most impactful programs for states and territories contained in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), and the CHIPS and Science Act;
- 4) Investing in state and territorial efforts to protect water resources and clean water.
- 5) Ensuring Governors have a voice as Congress considers tax reform and international trade agreements.

Task Force on Public Health and Disaster Response

- 1) Ensure Governors are consulted, and their gubernatorial authorities are maintained, in the areas of defense, homeland security, emergency management, health, and human services, including those outlined in U.S.C. Title 10 and 32 pertaining to National Guard readiness and structure;
- 2) Advocate for flexibility and support for a robust health and human service system including safety net programs, such as Medicaid and SNAP, and oppose shifting essential federal funding obligations to states and territories without adequate planning;
- 3) Ensure the National Guard is equipped with sufficient resources and capabilities to fully recruit and man a force ready to support domestic emergencies and fulfill its role as the operational reserve for national security missions;
- 4) Enhance emergency response and disaster recovery by ensuring federal programs, such as Disaster Relief Fund, National Flood Insurance, and Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery, are sufficient, adaptable, and streamlined to meet the diverse needs of states and territories, and easier to navigate for individuals, businesses, and all levels of governments;
- 5) Strengthen preparedness efforts by fostering both inter-state and federal-state collaborations to maintain resilient supply chains and stockpiles for critical infrastructure before, during, and after emergencies;
- 6) Support federal initiatives that provide tools and flexibility to states and territories to ensure safe communities for all Americans in areas such as malicious unmanned aircraft systems, cyberattacks, border security, trafficking, substance use disorder, justice-involved re-integration, crisis response systems, and comprehensive safety measures.

Task Force on Education, Workforce and Community Investment

- 1) Supporting reauthorization of the Farm Bill;
- 2) Supporting efforts to expand innovative educational experiences, apprenticeship opportunities and non-degree pathways including but not limited to the reauthorization of WIOA;
- 3) Working with the House and Senate bipartisan Paid Leave Working Groups as they consider a legislative framework around paid family leave;
- 4) Supporting continued investment in federal education programs that address workforce needs and efforts to improve state longitudinal data systems;
- 5) Increasing supply of housing by strengthening the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) and giving states and territories the tools necessary to streamline burdensome zoning, permitting, and land use policies;

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee has reviewed and approved the list of NGA's 2025 federal priorities as advanced by the task forces and recommends that the federal priorities be approved by the general membership of the Association.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Members of the National Governors Association hereby approve the federal priorities recommended by the Executive Committee and task forces and approved by the Executive Committee, as outlined above, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon approval of these federal priorities by the Members of the Association, that the NGA staff be directed to take such actions as are necessary to promote these priorities to the US Congress and the Administration.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "LeAnne Wilson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L".

February 22, 2025

LeAnne Wilson, NGA Secretary

Date