



## National Lieutenant Governors Association

### IN SUPPORT OF THE UNITED STATES REMAINING A LEADER IN SPACE EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, since its inception in 1958, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has accomplished many significant scientific and technological goal and advanced humankind's knowledge of the Earth and the universe; and

WHEREAS, NASA has improved the quality and extended the lives of citizens not only within the United States, but throughout the world, by the development of technologies including, but not limited to, image processing in CAT Scanners and MRI Machines, kidney dialysis, programmable heart pacemakers, fetal heart monitors, and surgical probes to treat brain tumors; and

WHEREAS, NASA employs more than 18,000 civil service employees and awarded over \$13 billion in contracts in fiscal year 2004 with both the private sector and academia in support of NASA programs; and

WHEREAS, NASA supports space-related activities in all 50 states through its Space Grant Consortia, Explorer Schools, Educator Resource Center Networks, and EPSCoR program,

WHEREAS, the desire to explore is part of America's character, and history has shown that space exploration benefits all humankind through new technologies for everyday application, new jobs across the entire economic enterprise, economic contributions through new markets and commercial products, education and inspiration, United States leadership, increased security, and a legacy for future generations; and

WHEREAS, a Space Exploration Vision has recently been articulated to affirm the United States' commitment to human and robotic space exploration and to give NASA a new focus and clear objectives, including long-term human and robotic programs to explore the solar system, and a return to the moon that will ultimately enable future exploration of Mars and other destinations; and

WHEREAS, the Space Exploration Vision has the potential to drive innovations, development, and advancement in the aerospace and other high technology industries across the nation and in the states and territories and in benefit of our constituents,

WHEREAS, funding for NASA both directly and indirectly benefits the states and territories, our constituents and the aerospace industry nationally; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the members of the National Lieutenant Governors Association support the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), as well as efforts and advancement in aerospace; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the members of the National Lieutenant Governors Association remain active and supportive of NASA and aerospace efforts, including space exploration activities leading to the nation's return to the Moon, in order to enable the United States, and its 50 states and territories, to remain leaders in the exploration and development of space.