



RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SUCCESSFUL PRESIDENTIAL TRANSITION PROCESS

WHEREAS, the peaceful transition of knowledge and power from one president to another is a hallmark of American democracy; and

WHEREAS, the administration, Congress, and others should work actively with the states to ensure that the Presidential transition is efficient and worthy of the American people; and

WHEREAS, a strong federal-state partnership is essential to ensuring the welfare of our country; and

WHEREAS, as the new administration begins, this partnership must be developed early and nurtured and strengthened continuously; and

WHEREAS, The Council of State Governments can play a constructive supporting role to the administration and Congress on a wide range of policy issues by sharing information about innovative programs and best practices among the states.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that The Council of State Governments encourages the administration to demonstrate its commitment to strengthening the federal-state partnership by:

- Adopting a policy of constructive engagement with the states to gather relevant information about existing issues, build on innovative programs already in place at the state and local level, and ensure national policies are implemented in the most effective and efficient manner possible;
- Promoting innovation among the states by developing policies that capitalize on state experience and expertise;
- Facilitating effective cooperation among the administration and states by hosting regular meetings and an ongoing dialogue among federal and state officials;
- Developing a plan to require early consultation and full input from state and local governments during the development of proposed regulations;
- Including experience in state and local governments as a desirable qualification when considering administration appointments ; and
- Publishing a directory identifying the administration and agency officials that serve as the principal point of contact for communications with the states.

Resolution Summary

This resolution reinforces the need for strategic and constructive intergovernmental discussions between state officials and federal agencies during the transition of the President Elect into the administration to ensure a strong federal-state partnership.

Additional Resources

- Center for Presidential Transition – Partnership for Public Service
<http://presidentialtransition.org/>
- President Elect Donald J. Trump Transition Site
<https://www.greatagain.gov/>

CSG Management Directives

The CSG staff will post this resolution, when approved, to CSG's Web site and work with Executive Branch officials, Congress and other stakeholders to promote policies that place priority on strengthening the federal-state partnership.