Message from the Chair,
NGA Spouses’ Leadership Committee

Dear Friends,

I look forward to seeing you all in Washington, D.C., at the **NGA Winter Meeting**, a wonderful opportunity to share information, network with your peers, and learn about initiatives that are making a difference across the country. This year I am pleased to shine a spotlight on the critical issue of child nutrition, which will be the topic of a joint plenary session with the governors during the Winter Meeting. This special session will highlight state-led solutions and model programs that are addressing childhood hunger and securing America’s economic future by improving the long-term health and educational outcomes for our nation’s youth.

On Saturday, our Roundtable will feature several governors’ spouses who will share experiences and insights about their approach to their unique public role and personal initiatives. Our session on Sunday afternoon will focus on the importance of volunteerism and public service, including steps we all can take to promote civic engagement and strengthen our communities.

On Monday, our Spouses’ Program will take place at George Washington’s Mount Vernon, where we will attend a lecture addressing the legacy and leadership of our nation’s first president, and participate in private tours of the National Library for the Study of George Washington and the historic mansion.

This year, we have the honor of hosting our new First Lady, Melania Trump, for our traditional NGA Winter Meeting luncheon event, which will take place on Monday at Mount Vernon, immediately following our morning program.

The members of the Spouses’ Leadership Committee (Kathleen Sandoval, Nevada, SLC Vice Chair; Dawn Amano-Ige, Hawaii; Lauren Baker, Massachusetts; Andy Moffit, Rhode Island; and Crissy Haslam, Tennessee) and I look forward to welcoming you to our annual program in February!

Warm regards,

Dorothy McAuliffe
First Lady of Virginia
Chair, NGA Spouses’ Leadership Committee