

Resolution Number: 2

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RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

WHEREAS, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) is the largest public funder of biomedical research in the world, with 95% of the NIH budget going directly to research awards, programs, and centers; training programs; and research and development contracts.

WHEREAS, through its work, NIH achieves its mission to enhance health, lengthen life, and reduce illness and disability while simultaneously driving economic growth and productivity and expanding our biomedical knowledge base and cultivating the workforce of the future.

WHEREAS, Healthier citizens lead to a healthier economy.

WHEREAS, NIH funding fosters economic growth by supporting jobs in research and by generating biomedical innovations that are commercialized into new products, both of which support local economies and keep the United States competitive on the global stage. Discoveries arising from NIH-funded research provide a foundation for the U.S. biomedical industry, which is a key economic sector in cities nationwide.

WHEREAS, NIH funding contributes directly to economies across the country through its support of crucial institutions in cities including hospitals, universities, and small businesses.

WHEREAS, NIH supports the next generation of researchers. In 2015, NIH provided support for more than 9,000 pre-doctoral students and almost 5,800 post-doctoral fellows.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the U.S. Conference of Mayors urges Congress and the Administration to continue to fund NIH at the highest levels so that cities and the nation at-large can continue to lead in bio-medical innovations, support the workforce for the future, create jobs and stimulate the economy.