



## National Council of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL)

### Resolution Recognizing Past President Assemblyman Kenneth W. Cooley (CA) as an Honorary Member of NCOIL

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*\*Adopted by the Executive Committee on March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023*

**WHEREAS**, Kenneth (Ken) Cooley served for 10 years in the California State Assembly after being elected in 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, Ken has been a longtime active NCOIL Member, having served as Chair of the Property & Casualty Insurance Committee, in each of the NCOIL Officer positions, culminating with his successful tenure as NCOIL President in 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout his time at NCOIL, Ken has been at the forefront of several important NCOIL efforts including being the sponsor of Model Acts and Resolutions such as:

- Insurer Division Model Act;
- Resolution Supporting Independent Contractor Status for Insurance Agents and Other Licensed Financial Professions;
- Resolution in Support of The People and Government of Ukraine;
- Distracted Driving Model Act;
- Model Act to Support State Regulation of Insurance Through More Informed Policymaking;
- Resolution Urging the National Association of Insurance Commissioners To Refrain from Intruding on the Constitutional Role of State Legislators; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to his efforts at NCOIL, Ken has led a distinguished career in public service having been Chief of Staff to former Assemblyman Lou Papan, Chief Counsel to the Finance and Insurance Committee, and Mayor of Rancho Cordova, a city he helped incorporate, all prior to serving as Chair of the Assembly Committee on Rules and the Joint Committee on Rules; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout his career, Ken was integral in shaping insurance public policy both in California and nationally where he demonstrated his commitment to protecting consumers and preserving the state based system of insurance regulation; and

**WHEREAS**, NCOIL legislators, staff, and participants have thoroughly enjoyed the hours they have spent working with, laughing with, learning from, and growing to know him as a great legislator and a truly good man; and

**WHEREAS**, NCOIL's bylaws permit the NCOIL Executive Committee to, at any regular meeting, confer the title of "Honorary Member" on any individual who has served in a state legislature but is no longer a member of the state legislature, and who the Executive Committee wishes to recognize for outstanding service to NCOIL; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the NCOIL Executive Committee recognizes Ken's outstanding service to NCOIL; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Former Assemblyman Ken Cooley is hereby recognized by the NCOIL Executive Committee as an NCOIL Honorary Member; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, with great appreciation, that NCOIL will send this Resolution to Ken in honor of his special place in NCOIL History.