



**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE TRUST LANDS
RESOLUTION 2026-02**

**SUPPORTING THE
2026 FARM BILL**

Whereas, the member states of the National Association of State Trust Lands (“NASTL”) are collectively the second largest landowner in the United States and manage trust lands, minerals, and waterways through their respective states;

Whereas, members of NASTL have congressional and state constitutional mandates to manage millions of acres of lands for the multi-generational benefit of trust beneficiaries, including public education, through economic development, conservation, recreation, and other trust and public purposes as provided by their respective mandates;

Whereas, NASTL member states with forested lands fulfill their constitutional mandates through the sustainable management of forest resources that are often surrounded by U.S. Forest Service or Bureau of Land Management forested lands and management policies on those federal lands heavily impact forested trust land management;

Whereas, NASTL member states and the Forest Service have engaged in collaborative landscape-scale forest management projects under Good Neighbor Authority provisions of the Farm Bill for decades;

Whereas, Good Neighbor Authority allows States to work in true partnership with the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management to accomplish restoration goals and stimulate the rural economy through responsible land management, timber production, and forestry products production;

Whereas, States have invested substantial resources to match federal efforts, and are providing staff to help administer restoration projects and facilitate timber sales and production; and

Whereas, use of Good Neighbor Authority has led to an increase in treated acres to greatly decrease wildfire risk and substantially increase in timber outputs since inception;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. NASTL encourages the United States Congress to remove the requirement that Good Neighbor Authority revenue be spent only on federal lands thereby allowing Good Neighbor Authority partners to restore non-federal lands commingled in a larger cross-boundary landscape project;
2. NASTL encourages the United States Congress to provide project stability for multi-year landscape projects by extending the authority to retain Good Neighbor Authority revenue through October 2028;
3. NASTL encourages the United States Congress to reauthorize and extend the State & Private Landscape-Scale Restoration program through 2031 for cross-boundary forest health and wildfire resilience;
4. NASTL encourages the United States Congress to extend the Joint Chiefs Landscape Restoration Partnership program through 2031 to reduce wildfire threats and protect water supplies;
5. NASTL encourages the United States Congress to support and pass the 2026 Farm Bill (H.R. 7567) that permanently reauthorizes Good Neighbor Authority, improves collaborative Landscape Scale Restoration, and promotes cross-boundary wildfire management.

Adopted this 14th day of July, 2026.



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*This Resolution will remain in effect through July 31, 2028
unless otherwise terminated, amended, or replaced by the Association.*