



**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE TRUST LANDS
RESOLUTION 2021-01**

Grid Modernization

Whereas, the National Association of State Trust Lands (“NASTL”) and its member states manage over 500 million acres of trust lands, minerals, and waterways; and

Whereas, members of NASTL have state constitutional mandates to manage millions of acres of lands for economic development, public education, conservation, recreation, and other public purposes provided by state law; and

Whereas, NASTL members have a strong public interest in the modernization of the electric grid to meet the needs for each member state’s communities, including increased resiliency, lower electricity costs, improved service reliability and safety, improving public health and creating jobs, increased economic activity, tax revenues for customers, stakeholders and communities, and integration of renewable energy to meet state and local climate goals; and

Whereas, NASTL member states have encouraged multiple forms of energy development and recognize grid resilience and modernization as a priority particularly in the face of ever-increasing severe weather events; and

Whereas, NASTL member states recognize their unique ability to collaborate and facilitate real estate transactions with utilities to enable grid modernization efforts, which will ultimately allow states to realize their management goals that are dependent on a reliable, resilient, and modern grid; and

Whereas, NASTL member states recognize the opportunities to coordinate with federal, state and local units of government to facilitate grid modernization in each state;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. NASTL urges the U.S. Congress to continue its financial support of the U.S. Department of Energy Grid Modernization and R&D programs.
2. NASTL urges the U.S. Congress to pass comprehensive grid modernization legislation that establishes a national policy on transmission; aids in the planning, permitting, and funding of a modern transmission grid to facilitate a reliable, resilient, and clean energy supply; and delivers associated jobs and economic development benefits for states and local communities.

Adopted this 6th day of January, 2021.



President, NASTL



Secretary, NASTL

*This Resolution will remain in effect through July 31, 2023.
unless otherwise terminated, amended, or replaced by the Association.*