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1 - FY 2010 APPROPRIATIONS

WHEREAS: The ongoing economic crisis continues to impact senior nutrition programs across the nation. This impact includes higher food and energy cost; loss of volunteers and staff; increase in demand; as well as reduction in private donations.

WHEREAS: The problems facing the senior nutrition programs were recognized by Congress and the President when $100 million in funding was included for the nutrition programs in the ARRA legislation.

WHEREAS: NANASP working with its members has been monitoring these funds to ensure they are being received by nutrition programs for the purposes spelled out in the legislation.

WHEREAS: ARRA funds were intended to be one-time only funds.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: NANASP, in recognition of the fact that challenges still confront the daily operations of congregate and home-delivered meal programs across the nation urges Congress to provide increased funding for senior nutrition in the FY 2010 Labor-Health and Human Services Appropriations bill.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: NANASP, as a member of the Leadership Council of Aging Organizations, supports the Council’s call for a 12 percent increase for all programs in the Act. NANASP further calls on Congress to measure the results from the $100 million in ARRA funds in determining a higher base level of funding for the nutrition programs for FY 2010 and beyond.
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2 - WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON FOOD AND NUTRITION

**WHEREAS:** Legislation to require the President to call a White House Conference on Food and Nutrition was introduced as H.R. 2297 by Congressman Jim McGovern (D-MA) on April 2, 2009 with 81 co-sponsors.

**WHEREAS:** NANASP together with ANSA and other stakeholder groups were involved in the development of this legislation.

**WHEREAS:** NANASP submitted testimony to the hearing held on May 18, 2009 by the Subcommittee on Rules and Organization of the House.

**WHEREAS:** It has been 40 years since the United States convened a White House conference to comprehensively address the issues of food, hunger, health, and nutrition in America.

**WHEREAS:** More than 35,500,000 Americans live in households that face a constant struggle against hunger, 12,600,000 of whom are children and 5,000,000 of whom are seniors, the disabled, and the critically ill.

**WHEREAS:** The Government spends more than $55,000,000,000 every year responding to the concurrent epidemics of hunger and under nutrition, yet the number of Americans facing hunger continues to grow and our Nation's nutritional health is declining.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** NANASP urges Congress to pass H.R. 2297 to require a White House Conference on Food and Nutrition and to do so early enough in 2009 to allow sufficient planning time to be able to hold the conference before the end of 2010.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the White House Conference on Food and Nutrition be inclusive in how it is conducted especially with respect to those delegates who will participate and to ensure a defined track related to nutrition and health as it relates to older persons.
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3 - ELDER JUSTICE

WHEREAS: NANASP is a member of the non-partisan 572 member Elder Justice Coalition.

WHEREAS: Congress is considering a variety of elder justice bills so far in 2009 including the Elder Justice Act (H.R. 2006, S. 795), Elder Abuse Victims Act (H.R. 448), National Silver Alert Act (H.R. 632, S. 557), and Patient Safety and Abuse Prevention Act (H.R. 2223, S. 631).

WHEREAS: The problem of elder abuse, neglect and exploitation continues to grow.

WHEREAS: According to a recent study by National Committee for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and the MetLife Mature Market Institute, victims of elder financial abuse lose some $2.6 billion a year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: NANASP calls on Congress to pass and the President to sign into law the Elder Justice Act of 2009 to allow dedicated funding to go to Adult Protective Services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: NANASP calls on Congress to pass related elder justice bill such as the Elder Abuse Victims Act (H.R. 448), National Silver Alert Act (H.R. 632, S. 557), and Patient Safety and Abuse Prevention Act (H.R. 2223, S. 631) so our national response to elder abuse can be as comprehensive as possible.
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4 - PROJECT 2020

WHEREAS: Legislation has been introduced in both the House and Senate (S. 1257, H.R. 2852) entitled Project 2020: Building on the promise of Home and Community based services.

WHEREAS: The bill constitutes a coordinated national long-term care strategy that will generate savings to Medicare and Medicaid.

WHEREAS: The national aging network is central to Project 2020 through its decades of providing home and community based services, especially nutrition.

WHEREAS: Older adults prefer to age in their homes and communities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The National Association of Nutrition and Aging Services Programs (NANASP) supports the Project 2020 initiative especially its focus on evidence based disease management programs which often include those related to improved nutrition as a gateway to better health.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: NANASP calls on Congress to give thorough consideration to Project 2020 and should include it as part of long-term services and supports in health care reform.
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5 – GREENLEE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS:  President Obama nominated Kathy Greenlee to be Assistant Secretary for Aging on May 4, 2009.

WHEREAS:  The Senate unanimously confirmed Kathy Greenlee to be Assistant Secretary for Aging on June 25, 2009

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:  The National Association of Nutrition and Aging Services Programs (NANASP) congratulates Kathy Greenlee as she assumes the position of Assistant Secretary for Aging

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:  NANASP looks forward to entering a dialogue with the Administration on Aging and the Assistant Secretary to exchange ideas on how to expand the important role of nutrition within the Older Americans Act to include its emerging importance as an element in quality home and community based care and a key component in the improved health of seniors.