NANASP 2010 RESOLUTIONS

1 - FY 2011 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 in 2009.

WHEREAS: The numbers and meals served from ARRA have exceeded projections months before the funding ends.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: NANASP urges Congress to provide increased funding for senior nutrition in the FY 2011 Labor-Health and Human Services Appropriations bill above the increase of $8 million proposed by President Obama.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: NANASP, as a member of the Leadership Council of Aging Organizations, supports the Council’s call for a minimum 12 percent increase for all programs in the Act.

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 to allow sufficient planning time to be able to hold the conference before the end of 2011.

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.

3 - ELDER JUSTICE

WHEREAS: NANASP is a leading member of the non-partisan 640 member Elder Justice Coalition.

WHEREAS: Congress passed and President Obama signed into law the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act in March 2010.

WHEREAS: This health care reform legislation included the Elder Justice Act (S.795) and the Patient Safety and Abuse Prevention Act (H.R.2223, S.631)

WHEREAS: According to a recent study funded by the National Institute of Justice, almost 11% of people age 60 and older, or 5.7 million individuals, suffered from some form of abuse in 2009 alone.

Whereas: According to a 2009 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 fully fund the Elder Justice Act provisions in FY 2011 in order to promote the safety and well-being of older adults and their families.

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