2018 RESOLUTIONS

OAA MEALS FUNDING FOR FY2019

WHEREAS through strong advocacy led by NANASP and Meals on Wheels America, the final FY 2018 spending bill included a $59 million increase for the Older Americans Act congregate and home-delivered meals programs, the largest single increase for an OAA program;

WHEREAS the underlying budget agreement that supported this increase was a two-year package;

WHEREAS FY 2019 begins on October 1, 2018;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: NANASP supports an increase of $100 million for FY 2019 for the Older Americans Act Title III(C)1 and III(C)2 programs, bringing their total funding to $996.7 million. This is the funding level called for in the joint NANASP-Meals on Wheels America letter, sent to Congress in May 2018.

USDA FUNDING FOR FY2019

WHEREAS the final FY 2018 spending bill included $74 billion for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), $238.1 million for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP), and $20.6 million for the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP);

WHEREAS both the FY 2019 Senate and House Agriculture Appropriations bills fund SNAP at a lower level of $73.2 billion and level-fund the SFMNP;

WHEREAS the FY 2019 House Agriculture Appropriations bill funds CSFP at a lower level of $222.9 million, and the Senate bill level-funds it;

WHEREAS FY 2019 begins on October 1, 2018;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: NANASP supports increasing appropriated funding for SNAP, CSFP, and SFMNP for FY 2019. These increases are called for in NANASP’s Agriculture Appropriations testimony, sent to Congress in spring 2018.

FARM BILL

WHEREAS Congress is scheduled to reauthorize the Farm Bill in 2018;
WHEREAS the Farm Bill authorizes the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the Commodity Supplemental Food Program, the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program, and other programs of importance to older adults;

WHEREAS the House and Senate are producing different bills with different priorities; Whereas the House bill as developed and approved by its Agriculture Committee contains punitive language which will impact low-income older adults;

WHEREAS the full House rejected its Farm Bill on May 18, 2018, leaving its fate uncertain;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: NANASP urges the House to work with the Senate on a Farm Bill which will prevent severe cuts to SNAP and other key programs for older adults and instead protects and adequately funds these programs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: NANASP urges that the final Farm Bill include S.2085, the Nourishing Our Golden Years Act, sponsored by Sens. Bob Casey and Susan Collins.

OLDER AMERICANS ACT REAUTHORIZATION

WHEREAS planning for the Older Americans Act reauthorization, which is due in 2019, needs to begin;

WHEREAS reauthorization provides an opportunity to modernize key programs in the Act for the coming years;

WHEREAS inadequate funding remains the greatest threat to the Act, including the failure of Congress to fund the entire Act based on authorization levels contained in the 2016 reauthorization;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: NANASP supports a process by which the Administration and relevant Congressional committees begin to solicit ideas for the 2019 Older Americans Act reauthorization from key stakeholder groups, including the Leadership Council of Aging Organizations and NANASP.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICING

WHEREAS the Trump Administration on May 11, 2018 released its “American Patients First” blueprint for lower prescription drug costs;

WHEREAS parts of the blueprint will require action from Congress and other parts can be done through executive action, including a major new rule expected in September;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: NANASP urges CMS to expedite its work to remove the “gag rule,” which has prevented pharmacists from telling consumers about ways they could pay less in out-of-pocket costs for drugs.