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FY 2008 APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION

To be approved by the NANASP Membership

WHEREAS: The Older Americans Act nutrition programs, Congregate, Home Delivered Meals and Nutrition Services Incentive Program remain the largest programs in the Older Americans Act

WHEREAS: These three programs have been chronically underfunded for most of the past decade.

WHEREAS: demand for the programs and services of the nutrition program continue to grow while the programs serve an older and frailer population

WHEREAS: in the past year the combination of rising gas prices and rising food prices have especially impacted nutrition programs across the nation

WHEREAS: Congress through the reauthorization of the Older Americans Act in 2006 reaffirmed the value and importance of the nutrition programs for the next five years.

WHEREAS: The nutrition programs meet the criteria of producing positive evidence based outcomes for those they serve

WHEREAS: Earlier in 2007 Congress provided the congregate and home delivered meals program with a 3.5 percent increase for FY 2007

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: NANASP working in conjunction with the Meals on Wheels Association endorses the three OAA Nutrition programs receiving a 7 percent increase in funding for Fiscal Year 2008 and calls on the House and Senate to approve a combined \$786 million funding level for these programs in the Labor-Health and Human Services Appropriation bill.

FARM BILL RESOLUTION

To be approved by the NANASP Membership

WHEREAS: Congress is scheduled to reauthorize the programs of the Farm Bill in 2007 for the first time in five years.

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WHEREAS: The Farm bill provides a unique opportunity to reduce hunger and promote a stronger linkage between nutrition and good health.

WHEREAS: The Farm bill includes the Food Stamp, Commodity Supplemental Food Program and the Senior Farmers Market programs.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: NANASP supports enactment of a Farm bill which features increases in Senior Farmers Market Program funding and access modeled after legislation sponsored by Rep. Kaptur (H.R. 292) which includes funding for administrative costs.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: NANASP supports enactment of a Farm bill which strengthens the nutrition safety net especially by removing barriers for older adults in the Food Stamp Program, Supporting the Commodity Supplemental Food Program and emergency nutrition programs and which ensures all seniors eligible participate in these programs.

NANASP as a cosigner of the Farm and Food Policy Project statement calls for the Farm Bill to establish a clearer link between farm and food policy and national health and nutrition goals. Critical is the expansion of nutrition education programs to help consumers better understand the value of healthy foods.

ELDER JUSTICE RESOLUTION

To be approved by the NANASP Membership

WHEREAS: NANASP is a member of the bi-partisan 542 member Elder Justice Coalition

WHEREAS: Elder abuse neglect and exploitation are growing problems across the United States yet currently less than 2 percent of all federal funds spent on abuse prevention are directed to elder abuse.

WHEREAS: Congress in recognition of the need for a greater commitment to elder justice adopted language in the 2006 Older Americans Act reauthorization calling for a new state grant program to establish elder justice

systems. New commitment to data collection and adding self neglect to the definition of elder abuse.

WHEREAS: In each of the past two Congresses an Elder Justice Act has been introduced but not passed.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: NANASP supports H.R. 1783 and S. 1070 the bi-partisan Elder Justice Act which would provide a major new commitment of federal effort and resources to combating elder abuse, neglect and exploitation

NANASP commends the sponsors of the legislation, Rep. Rahm Emanuel (D-IL) and Rep. Peter King (R-NY) of H.R. 1783 and Senator Orrin Hatch (R-UT) of S. 1070 as well as all co-sponsors of the bills.

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NANASP especially supports the provisions in the EJA to provide a dedicated funding stream to adult protective services and the provision of funds for improved training of all working with seniors including nutrition providers to help detect and report elder abuse.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: NANASP calls on Congress to pass the Elder Justice Act in the 110th Congress.

JOINT CONFERENCE WITH ANSA RESOLUTION

To be approved by the NANASP Membership

WHEREAS: Discussions have been underway between NANASP and the Association of Nutrition Service Agencies of Washington D.C. about doing a joint conference in 2009.

WHEREAS: Each organization has presented before the Board of Directors of the other organizations

WHEREAS: NANASP views ANSA as an organization with a similar mission; to strengthen through advocacy and education those who help older Americans and a common vision to reshape the future of nutrition and healthy aging.

WHEREAS: The NANASP Board of Directors at its June 26 meeting passed a resolution in support of a Joint Conference with ANSA in 2009.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the membership of NANASP joins with the Board in support of a joint ANSA-NANASP Conference to be held in 2009.