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**NANASP 2012 Resolutions**

**RESOLUTION 1: Fiscal 2013 Appropriations**

**WHEREAS:** The unrelenting recession continues to impact the daily operations of elderly nutrition programs across the country.

**WHEREAS:** Gas prices are up 12% in the past year while food prices also increased by 3%.

**WHEREAS:** Food insecurity, hunger and isolation among older Americans continues to rise and,

**WHEREAS:** Good and accessible nutrition is critical to older adults maintaining their health and independence.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** NANASP as co-chair of the Community Services Committee of the LCAO fully endorses a position of promoting and protecting funding for the Older Americans Act (OAA). NANASP specifically is recommending a 3% increase in funding for the elderly nutrition programs under the OAA to keep up with inflation.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** NANASP supports efforts to make the Older Americans Act and especially the nutrition programs exempt from across-the-board cuts scheduled to begin on January 1, 2013.

**RESOLUTION 2: OAA Reauthorization**

**WHEREAS:** The Older Americans Act reauthorization process is behind schedule.

**WHEREAS:** NANASP has participated and provided input throughout the reauthorization process to the Administration, Congress and has worked closely with the LCAO throughout the process.

**WHEREAS:** The Older Americans Act remains the major vehicle for promoting the delivery of social services to an aging population.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** NANASP calls upon Congress to complete work on the reauthorization in 2012 and to support S.2037 as the core bill.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** NANASP urges that a final reauthorization preserve and strengthen the nutrition program, including protecting nutrition dollars, promoting greater local autonomy in decision making on funding, maintain separate titles for congregate and home-delivered meals, maintain voluntary contributions, provide greater use of registered dietitians in programs and provide adequate funding for each of the 5 years of the reauthorization.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** NANASP would support as a last resort option a simple extension of the existing Older Americans Act for no more than 2 years.

### **RESOLUTION 3: Farm Bill**

**WHEREAS:** Congress continues to make progress toward renewing the Farm bill and its critical domestic nutrition programs.

**WHEREAS:** Programs such as SNAP ( Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), CSFP (Commodity Supplemental Food Program) and the Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Programs are all vital elements of a needed federal response to combat food insecurity and hunger among older adults.

**WHEREAS:** NANASP joined together with 90 additional organizations and signed on to a list of Nutrition Priorities for the 2012 Farm Bill with over 90 organizations.

**WHEREAS:** These priorities include protecting SNAP and making CSFP a seniors' only program.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** NANASP supports renewal of the Farm bill, a renewal which would avert major reductions in the SNAP program as well as strengthen and protect CSFP and the Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program.

**RESOLUTION 4: Oppose Elimination of SCSEP (Senior Community Service Employment Program)**

**WHEREAS:** The main bill in the House of Representatives to renew WIA (Workforce Investment Act), H.R.4297 (Workforce Investment Improvement Act) introduced by Rep. Virginia Foxx (R-NC) includes language to eliminate SCSEP (Senior Community Service Employment Program).

**WHEREAS:** The SCSEP program is critically important to the day-to-day operations of the Older Americans Act nutrition programs because of the work provided by SCSEP participants in the programs.

**WHEREAS:** SCSEP is the only federal program which provides part time community service employment opportunities for low income older adults.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** NANASP stands in strong opposition to H.R.4297 and its provision to eliminate the SCSEP program and calls on Congress to renew and strengthen SCSEP as part of the Older Americans Act reauthorization process.

**NANASP RESOLUTION 5: Protect SSBG (Social Services Block Grant)**

**WHEREAS:** The Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) program is an important provider of services to older adults ranging from nutrition to adult protective services.

**WHEREAS:** The House Budget reconciliation bill would eliminate funding for the Social Services Block Grant beginning in FY 2013.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** NANASP opposes all efforts to eliminate funding for the SSBG and urges funding for the program to be continued at \$1.7 billion.

**NANASP RESOLUTION 6: Dual Eligibles**

**WHEREAS:** Individuals especially older adults who are dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid are among our most vulnerable citizens.

**WHEREAS:** NANASP members regularly serve the dual eligible population in their nutrition programs.

**WHEREAS:** The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) recently published guidance to states to implement new programs to serve the dual eligible population.

**WHEREAS:** Due to a variety of concerns about these new programs to serve the duals, NANASP on April 27<sup>th</sup> sent a letter cosigned by the National Caucus and Center on Black Aged (NCBA), National Family Caregivers Association, Older Women's League (OWL) and Services and Advocacy for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Elders (SAGE).

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** NANASP calls upon CMS to convene a comprehensive stakeholders meeting before final implementation of the new programs for dual eligibles to allow issues related to choice of care, access to providers, maintaining formularies in Medicare Part D and proper oversight to ensure quality to be fully discussed and addressed and to then determine appropriate revisions in the guidance.