2021 NANASP MEMBERSHIP RESOLUTIONS

FY 2022 Federal Funding
Whereas the COVID-19 pandemic had an especially significant impact on the Older Americans Act (OAA) programs, including the full-scale conversion of the OAA nutrition program to a mostly all home delivered meals program;

Whereas the dedicated staff and volunteers of the OAA nutrition programs worked tirelessly to maintain nutrition service delivery;

Whereas Congress in recognition of the value of the nutrition programs provided $1.6 billion in funding in 4 different COVID emergency bills all of which became law;

And whereas many nutrition programs have expanded the number of those they serve:

Be it resolved:
NANASP urges Congress to approve a funding level of $1.904 billion for the Older Americans Act nutrition programs for federal FY 2022 to avoid programs hitting a funding “cliff” that could result in older adults not receiving services. NANASP also supports a continuation of the flexibilities adopted in the COVID-19 relief bills in a final FY 2022 funding bill. NANASP also calls on Congress and the Administration for Community Living to ease as much as possible the reporting requirements for COVID-19 emergency funding and regular appropriated funding.

Infrastructure
Whereas President Biden in April proposed a comprehensive infrastructure proposal called the American Jobs Plan;

Whereas this proposal recognizes that the US ranks 13th in the world when it comes to the overall quality of our infrastructure despite being the wealthiest country in the world;

Whereas the American Jobs Plan calls for infrastructure funding for community centers, schools and early learning facilities but does not include funding for congregate nutrition centers, senior centers or adult day care centers;
And whereas a current NANASP/NCOA survey has shown that those seeking to reopen congregate sites could incur costs as high as $30,000 per center with additional costs to keep them open;

Be it resolved:
NANASP calls on Congress to include dedicated infrastructure funding for congregate nutrition sites, senior centers and adult day care centers which provide nutrition services for older adults in the final version of the American Jobs Plan Act, including funding for construction of and upgrades to primary buildings, commissaries and other core facilities. NANASP also calls on Congress to include funding for transportation costs related to meal delivery and access in the American Jobs Plan Act, including funding for delivery vehicles and for participant transportation.

**Prescription Drug Costs**
Whereas the issue of high prescription drug costs continues to threaten the economic security of millions of older adults;
Whereas solutions that are proposed need to be bipartisan;
And whereas stakeholders from the industry to consumer organizations should look for common ground on how best to lower prescription drug prices;

Be it resolved:
NANASP calls on Congress and the Administration to continue to work toward a solution to the high cost of prescription drugs. NANASP views having a cap on out-of-pocket costs for Medicare beneficiaries to be essential in any legislation proposed. NANASP continues to have concerns about international price indexing proposals that would link drug prices to those in countries such as France and the U.K. that use the Quality-Adjusted Life Years (QALY) assessment because of its discriminatory impact on older adults.