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**AAPCHO Applauds Launch of the
White House Initiative on Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islanders**

WASHINGTON – The Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations (AAPCHO) issued the following statement on the formal launch of the White House Initiative on Asian American, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders (WHIAANHPI).

Adam P. Carbullido, director of policy and advocacy, said:

“AAPCHO applauds the Biden administration for formally launching WHIAANHPI within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). We also welcome Ambassador Katherine Tai as the Initiative’s new co-chair.

“New and longstanding inequities in health, data disaggregation, language access, racial bias and discrimination, and other social determinants continue to challenge Asian Americans (AAs), Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders (NH/PIs), requiring persistent and coordinated action across government. Community health centers and other community based organizations are important community leaders in addressing these disparities, and we encourage WHIAANHPI and its regional network to ensure strong and inclusive dialogue and engagement with them.

“AAPCHO and our member community health centers look forward to working with Secretary Becerra, Ambassador Tai, and Executive Director Ka’ai on behalf of AAs and NH/PIs across the nation.”

About AAPCHO

AAPCHO is a national association of community health organizations dedicated to promoting advocacy, collaboration and leadership that improves the health status and access of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders in the United States, the U.S. territories, and Freely Associated States. For more information on AAPCHO, please visit www.aapcho.org.

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