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AAPCHO Statement on the 2023 State of the Union

WASHINGTON – The Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations (AAPCHO) issued the following statement in response to President Biden’s 2023 State of the Union address.

Jeffrey B. Caballero, MPH, AAPCHO’s executive director, said,

“AAPCHO celebrates the progress made under President Biden and Vice President Harris’ leadership to address the needs of Asian Americans (AAs), Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders (NH/PIs). Over the past two years, we have witnessed historic investments to overcome systemic barriers in our health and mental health care systems; combat the rise in anti-Asian hate; address the climate crisis that disproportionately threatens Pacific Islander communities; and provide economic opportunities to families most in need. Through the President’s White House Initiative on Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders, our community’s voices are amplified, supported by AA and NH/PI community members stepping into critical leadership positions and working to advance key initiatives that help to advance equity, justice, and opportunity for AA and NH/PI communities.

“AAPCHO encourages Congress and the administration to build on the successes we have achieved so far and work together to advance the health and well-being of all communities. We appreciate President Biden highlighting that the diversity of the United States is a strength and that a strong commitment to tackling disparities of diverse communities, including AAs and NH/PIs, can bring historic progress. AAPCHO, in collaboration with our members and partners, look forward to working with the Biden-Harris administration to prioritize the health and safety of all Americans, including AAs, NH/PIs, immigrants, and families.”

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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