



## **NASUA Applauds Choice of Kurtz as new Director of the Administration on Aging Office of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Programs**

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WASHINGTON, DC – Assistant Secretary for Aging Kathy Greenlee announced yesterday that Becky Kurtz would be joining the Administration on Aging (AoA) staff as the new Director of the Office of Long-Term Care Ombudsman Programs. Kurtz has served as the Georgia State Long-Term Care Ombudsman since 1994. She is a member of the National Association of State Ombudsman Programs and served as their president from 2004 to 2006.

Assistant Secretary Greenlee said, “For many years I have considered her one of the most effective and committed state long-term care ombudsmen. I look forward to working with her on behalf of the 1.6 million older people who live in nursing homes and other residential care settings. She is an exceptional advocate.”

“Becky has a strong advocacy background. She has been a leader in the long-term care ombudsman work for many years and has partnered with NASUA on many projects to improve consumer access to aging services. She has been a tremendous resource in the State of Georgia, and we look forward to continuing our work with her in Washington,” said Martha A. Roherty, Executive Director of the National Association of State Units on Aging (NASUA).

Prior to her work as the State Ombudsman in Georgia, Becky was the Advocacy Coordinator for the Senior Citizens Advocacy Project in the Atlanta Legal Aid Society as well as serving as Assistant Corporation Counsel for the City of New York Law Department. She has a Juris Doctorate from Columbia University School of Law and a B.S. from Emory & Henry College in Emory, Virginia.

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