



**NASUAD Applauds Choice of NASUAD's Thompson as New
Acting Executive Director of the District of Columbia's Office on Aging**

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WASHINGTON, DC – NASUAD Executive Director Martha Roherty announced today that Dr. John Thompson will be joining the District of Columbia Office on Aging (DCOA) as the Acting Executive Director. DCOA is the designated state unit on aging and area agency on aging for Washington D.C. DCOA carries out a comprehensive and coordinated system of health, education, employment, and social services for the District's seniors. DCOA also serves persons with disabilities age 18 and older through the Aging and Disability Resource Center. DCOA funds a Senior Service Network comprising 20 community-based nonprofit organizations operating more than 30 direct service programs for the District's seniors.

Since 2010, Dr. Thompson has served as the Director for the National Aging Information & Referral (I&R) Support Center and Senior Policy Advisor at the National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities. In that capacity, Dr. Thompson was responsible for providing national technical assistance and counsel to the nation's I&R programs. Under Dr. Thompson's leadership, the resource center trained I&R staffs in a series of all-state monthly calls, on-site trainings, national conferences, and seminars. As director of the National Aging and I&R Support Center, Dr. Thompson also served as Public Policy Committee Chair and board member for the Alliance of Information and Referral Systems.

"For the past year, I have had the pleasure of working with John and look forward to continuing to work with him in his new role as Acting Executive Director of the District's Office on Aging. I know that John's energy and enthusiasm for providing high quality programs for seniors and individuals with disabilities will serve the District's residents well," said Martha Roherty.

National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities, founded in 1964, represent the nation's 556 designated state and territorial agencies on aging and disabilities. The Association's principle mission is to design, improve, and sustain state systems delivering home and community based services and supports for people who are older or have a disability, and their caregivers.