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AAPCHO Urges Senate to Confirm Vivek Murthy as Surgeon General

Statement by Jeffrey B. Caballero, executive director of AAPCHO

WASHINGTON, D.C., December 10, 2014 – "On behalf of the Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations (AAPCHO), I strongly support the nomination of Dr. Vivek Murthy as Surgeon General of the United States.

"Dr. Murthy would bring two decades of experience and expertise to the role of the surgeon general, and lead the country in combatting serious health issues facing our nation. His leadership is essential for our Asian American and Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander (AA&NHOP) communities. Our nation needs a top doctor to serve as the face of health and prevention. Dr. Murthy is the right person for this role, utilizing his experience as an educator, preventative health expert, entrepreneur and public health leader.

"A lack of leadership to improve access to culturally and linguistically appropriate care and combat misconceptions about our communities are persistent issues facing our health centers. These are priorities that Dr. Murthy shares and to which he would lend his support. The Office of the Surgeon General tackles the top health challenges of the day, nearly all of which have historically impacted AA&NHOP communities. Our communities, our health centers and our nation would benefit from his leadership. We are calling on the Senate to put the health of our nation above partisan politics and confirm Dr. Vivek Murthy as Surgeon General this week."

About AAPCHO

AAPCHO is a national association of 35 community health organizations dedicated to promoting advocacy, collaboration, and leadership that improves the health status and access of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiian, and other Pacific Islanders in the United States. For more information on AAPCHO and its Guiding Principles and Values, please visit www.aapcho.org.

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