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AAPCHO Stands in Solidarity with Our Immigrant Communities

Calls on Trump Administration and Congress to Support All Communities

WASHINGTON – The Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations (AAPCHO), a national organization of health centers serving Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders (AA&NHPIs), today released the following statement in response to the increase of anti-immigrant sentiment and actions across the country in recent weeks:

"As an organization representing health centers that serve all communities regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, country of origin, sex, gender, age, disability, or the color of their skin—we urge the Trump administration to promote and invest in an inclusive, healthy and just vision of America. America's health centers were set up to serve all communities, including our most vulnerable. They are places where American values of acceptance, compassion, and generosity are consistently exemplified.

The Administrations' attacks on people of faith, immigrant and refugee communities are detrimental to the mental health of the communities we serve. The administrations' recent Executive Orders and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) actions are harmful to the resilience of families and children fleeing violence and fear. We stand with our partners in supporting immigrant, refugee and faith communities, and call on the Trump administration and Members of Congress to do the same.

America is stronger when we care for our immigrant and refugee communities. Our stable and strong nation is based on the diversity of men, women, children and families from across the world. As our health centers serve and understand AA&NHPI and other communities, AAPCHO resists attempts to intimidate, divide or target specific communities. We urge the Trump administration to rescind these executive orders and reign in ICE. We ask leadership in Congress, mayors, and governors to stand up for the vulnerable communities paying the price for these blunt actions. We call for unity and compassion for a stronger and healthier America."

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 Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders in the United States. For more information on AAPCHO, please visit www.aapcho.org.