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NACCHO Applauds the Nomination of Jerome Adams, MD, MPH as the Next U.S. Surgeon General

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Washington, DC, June 30, 2017 —“As the voice of nearly 3,000 local health departments across the United States, the [National Association of County and City Health Officials](#) (NACCHO) endorses the nomination of Indiana Health Commissioner Dr. Jerome Adams as the next Surgeon General of the United States.

“Since joining the Indiana State Health Department in 2014, Dr. Adams has overseen the public health protection and laboratory services, health and human services, healthcare quality and regulatory, and tobacco prevention and cessation commissions. Dr. Adams is a staunch advocate for the importance of vaccines in preventing costly and unnecessary illness. He worked diligently to protect Indiana residents during the hepatitis and HIV crises in Scott County, in 2014 and 2015, which linked to the opioid epidemic that was devastating families in his state. Dr. Adams’ knowledge and experience in dealing with public health challenges at the state and local level will serve the nation well.

“In addition to his public health leadership, Dr. Adams’ experience on the national stage is also impressive. He has been invited to share his expertise as a public health practitioner before Congress, the White House, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and the National Academy of Sciences.

“Local health departments collaborate with federal, state, and local partners, including the Surgeon General, to create conditions where all people can reach their highest potential without health barriers. The Surgeon General plays a critical role in establishing the evidence base for public health interventions. Dr. Adams’ leadership in protecting the people of Indiana, implementing evidence and science-based public health practices, and his success on a national level make him a truly exceptional nominee. NACCHO unreservedly supports Dr. Adams’ nomination to the post of the Surgeon General of the United States.”

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