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NACCHO Congratulates Dr. Robert R. Redfield on His Appointment as CDC Director

Washington, DC, March 22, 2018 — As the voice of nearly 3,000 local governmental health departments across the United States, the <u>National Association of County and City Health Officials</u> (NACCHO) congratulates Dr. Robert R. Redfield on his appointment as the 18th director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

"NACCHO and our nation's local health departments work closely with the CDC," said Laura Hanen, MPP, NACCHO Interim Executive Director and Chief of Government Affairs. "Its support and public health expertise is crucial to the work local health departments perform every day to protect the communities they serve. We look forward to working with Dr. Redfield as he takes the helm of the nation's premier public health agency.

"Dr. Redfield has devoted his career to addressing one of the most impactful infectious diseases of the 21st century – HIV/AIDS – with more than 70 million people infected and 35 million deaths worldwide. He has been actively engaged in clinical research and clinical care of chronic infectious diseases for more than 30 years. We look forward to collaborating with Dr. Redfield and CDC to create conditions where all people can be healthy and safe."

NACCHO would also like to extend its appreciation to Dr. Anne Schuchat who has served as CDC interim director twice over the last two years. She led the agency during the nation's worst flu season in ten years and provided critical guidance on the country's opioid epidemic.

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About NACCHO

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) represents the nation's nearly 3,000 local governmental health departments. These city, county, metropolitan, district, and tribal departments work every day to protect and promote health and well-being for all people in their communities. For more information about NACCHO, please visit www.naccho.org.