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President Obama Announces his Intention to Nominate NASUA Board Member Kathy Greenlee Assistant Secretary for Aging

NASUA is pleased to announce that President Obama today announced his intention to nominate Kathy Greenlee as the Assistant Secretary for Aging. Ms. Greenlee currently serves as the Secretary of the Kansas Department on Aging (KDOA) in Governor, now Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Kathleen Sebelius' administration. Since 2008, Ms. Greenlee has also served on the NASUA Board.

Assistant Secretary Greenlee's interest and involvement in aging issues started long before her appointment in January 2006 as the Kansas Secretary of Aging. Prior to holding that position, she served as State Long-Term Care Ombudsman in Kansas. Before that, she served as that state's Assistant Secretary of Aging, with the responsibilities of legislative liaison and chief budget officer.

As Kansas' Secretary of aging, Ms. Greenlee headed the cabinet-level agency whose mission is to promote the security, dignity and independence of Kansas seniors. With 192 full-time staff members and a total budget of \$495 million, KDOA is responsible for administration of Older American's Act programs, distribution of Medicaid long-term care payments and regulation of nursing home licensure and survey processes. She brings a wealth of experience and knowledge about aging issues to her new position at the Administration on Aging.

Assistant Secretary Greenlee also served as general counsel at the Kansas Insurance Department (KID). During her tenure at KID, she led the team of regulators who evaluated the proposed sale of Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Kansas. While there, she also oversaw the Senior Health Insurance Counseling for Kansas program, more commonly known as SHICK. That program is now part of the Department on Aging.

Assistant Secretary Greenlee also served as Chief of Staff and Chief of Operations for then-Gov. Kathleen Sebelius. She is a graduate of the University of Kansas with degrees in business administration and law.