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New York State Center for Assisted Living Statement on National Assisted Living Week

Albany, New York — Stephen Hanse, President and CEO of the New York State Health Facilities Association and the New York State Center for Assisted Living (NYSHFA/NYSCAL), a statewide association representing over 425 long-term care facilities, issued the following statement in recognition of National Assisted Living Week. Established by the National Center for Assisted Living (NCAL) in 1995, National Assisted Living Week®, September 13-19, 2020, provides a unique opportunity for residents, their loved ones, staff, volunteers, and the surrounding communities to recognize the role of assisted living in caring for America's seniors and individuals with disabilities.

“We can think of no better time than National Assisted Living Week to voice how grateful NYSHFA | NYSCAL is to play a part in an industry that has some of the most hard-working, dedicated and caring individuals throughout the country.”

“What comes to mind are some of the touching stories we have heard and pictures we have seen where facilities and staff in New York State have gone above and beyond through these tough and uneasy times to ensure the safety and well-being of their residents.”

“When COVID struck and facilities were instructed to shut their doors to visitors, staff stepped up and took over the role of these residents' families, easing the burden some residents were facing. Facilities implemented innovative and creative ways to ensure their residents were able to maintain family ties, an important and critical part of a resident's life to maintain physical and emotional health.”

“This year, facilities and their staff have strived for and achieved excellence and have persevered even through some of the most difficult times. We at NYSHFA | NYSCAL want to thank the Assisted Living facilities and their staff for the dedication, the hard work and for the care they provide every day to keep the frail, elderly population of New York State healthy and happy. They are true heroes.”

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