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COUNTY HEALTH LEADERS STATEMENT ON THE APPOINTMENT OF DR. MARY T. BASSETT AS NEW YORK STATE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH

Statement from NYSACHO President Dr. Indu Gupta

“The appointment of Dr. Bassett sends a strong signal that public health and disparities in health status are critical priorities for Governor Hochul. Her experience in leading a public health department, combined with her academic qualifications will allow Dr. Bassett to move quickly to reprioritize these critical needs.

“Dr. Bassett inherits a very hard-working staff who have made tremendous personal sacrifices to meet the demands of the pandemic. Local health departments became familiar with the same dynamics.

“As we move into the next budgeting and legislative session, we look forward to working with Dr. Bassett to craft coherent and integrated public health strategies, and to ensure the efforts of local and state public health personnel are appropriately resourced.

“Congratulations to Dr. Bassett on her appointment to New York State Commissioner of Health during this remarkable period of time for public health.”

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