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THE NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION BESTOWS THE 2018 JOHN A. SASSO NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK AWARD TO EIGHT COMMUNITIES

WASHINGTON, DC -

On June 15, 2018, the National Community Development Association (NCDA) recognized the following winners of the 2018 John A. Sasso National Community Development Week Award during a luncheon at the 49th NCDA Annual Conference in Long Beach, FL.

- City of Jacksonville, FL
- City of Shreveport, LA
- Quincy, MA
- City of St. Louis, MO
- City of Columbia, SC
- Richland County, SC
- San Antonio, TX
- City of Burlington, VT

The award was created as a means of recognizing community efforts to promote and celebrate the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program during National Community Development Week which was celebrated this year on April 2-6, 2018. National Community Development Week provides the opportunity for grantees, sub-recipients, beneficiaries, State and local partners, and the community to unite to celebrate and recognize CDBG and HOME by showcasing projects and educating the community and Congressional Members on program benefits. This year marks the 32th anniversary of National Community Development Week and the 18th anniversary of the John A. Sasso National Community Development Week Award.

John A. Sasso

The National Community Development Week Awards are named in honor of John A. Sasso, NCDA's founder and leading force in nationally promoting CDBG, NCDA, and its members. In 1970, John Sasso became the first President of the Model Cities Community Development Directors Association (MCCDDA). MCCDDA eventually became the National Community Development Association after passage of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, which created the CDBG program. John began his tenure in the field of community development as a Planner for the City of Pawtucket, RI. He retired from NCDA in 2000. Sadly, John passed away in August 2016.

About NCDA

NCDA is a non-partisan, national non-profit member-based organization that represents local government departments across the country that administer federally-supported community and economic development and affordable housing programs. NCDA is an association of people committed to assist local governments to achieve high quality, locally-

responsive programs for making communities better places in which to live and work, particularly for low- and moderate-income people.