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NACo 2010 Legislative Conference Begins This Weekend

The National Association of Counties (NACo) Annual Legislative Conference gets underway this weekend in Washington DC. NACo has announced that featured guest speakers at the conference include Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, Agricultural Secretary Tom Vilsack, and *Time* magazine columnist Joe Klein.

During the five-day conference, county officials will discuss NACo's 2010 Key Legislative Priorities, meet with Obama administration officials and members of Congress, and hear from prominent national leaders and commentators.

A special feature of the Legislative Conference will be NACo's Technology Summit March 6. The theme of this year's summit is "Why Telemedicine is Important to Your County."

The summit will consist of numerous expert panel discussions on a variety of topics, including Federal Funding for Healthcare Information Technology; Telehealth, Economic Development and Quality of Life, and Service Delivery through Cloud Computing.

It will be moderated by Orange County, California's Assessor Webster Guillory, who chairs NACo's Essential County Technology Committee.

NACo's 11 steering committees will meet during the conference to review and make recommendations on issues and legislation important to counties and communities.

The issues that the committees cover include justice and public safety, agriculture and rural affairs, taxes, environment and energy, telecommunications, economic and community development, health care, human services, education, labor and employment, public lands and transportation. Copies of the resolutions to be considered are attached.

The policy development process initiated by the steering committees leads to the publication of the American County Platform, which NACo uses as a guide to deliver the county government message to the administration, Congress and the American public.

In addition to the steering committees, NACo has organized caucuses – the Rural Action Caucus and the Large Urban County Caucus – to perform targeted

advocacy efforts focused on specific needs of large urban counties and rural counties.

California, led by NACo President and Sonoma County Supervisor Valerie Brown, will be well-represented at this important conference, ensuring that California's concerns are addressed during sub-committee and committee discussions.

I hope to see you in Washington DC. There is still time to register - [click here](#).

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