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COMMISSIONER PRAEGER APPOINTED TO NATIONAL POST *Kansas Commissioner is Tapped for NAIC Leadership Role*

Kansas Insurance Commissioner Sandy Praeger has been appointed to the National Association of Insurance Commissioner's Internal Administration Subcommittee. NAIC President and Pennsylvania Insurance Commissioner Diane Koken made the appointment during the National NAIC Fall National Meeting.

The Internal Administration Subcommittee is responsible for monitoring the operations of the NAIC, including budget preparation, personnel review and financial administration.

"Kansans are fortunate to have a strong consumer advocate like Sandy Praeger," said Koken. "She is a rising star in the National Association of Insurance Commissioners and it is an honor to have her as a part of the NAIC Internal Administration team. I look forward to working closely with Sandy."

"Now is a critical time for insurance issues in America, and I look forward to working with my colleagues around the country to find solutions to the challenges we all face," said Commissioner Praeger. "Several key issues will require focus, cooperation and leadership from our association to both protect consumers and our ability to regulate the insurance industry. At the forefront of these issues is the continued existence of state regulation of insurance in the face of federal preemption. The rising cost of health insurance must continue to be addressed by the NAIC. In addition, the high cost of insurance fraud will require our roles in consumer education and criminal prosecution to grow."

Commissioner Praeger also serves Vice-Chair of the NAIC Midwestern Zone and is Chair of the Association's Health Insurance and Managed Care Committee.

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