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## **Scott Leavitt Named NAHU's 79th President**

(Arlington, VA)—Today, Scott Leavitt was sworn in as the new president of the National Association of Health Underwriters (NAHU) at its 78th Annual Convention in San Diego, CA. After accepting the gavel from outgoing president Beth Ashmore, Leavitt vowed to improve NAHU members' ability to meet the health, financial and retirement security needs of all Americans through education, advocacy and professional development.

Leavitt pledged to make the theme of his presidency "Educating America," and stated he would implement this theme by educating the public to become 'consumers of health care' as opposed to 'patients of health care' whenever possible.

"Health care is currently one of the most hotly debated topics in the nation," Leavitt said. "As NAHU members, we owe it to our consumers and to all Americans to make sure that they understand the importance of health care, the reasons behind health care costs and what they themselves can do to reduce some of these costs. An educated public is integral to finding solutions to the current problems facing the health insurance industry today."

After joining NAHU in 1995, Scott held numerous leadership positions within the organization, including president of Idaho AHU, vice-president of Idaho AHU, regional vice president, secretary, treasurer, vice-president and president-elect. He is a recipient of the NAHU State Legislative Award, Dave Isern Lifetime Achievement Award and the NAHU Distinguished Service Award.

Leavitt began his career in the industry more than 16 years ago. He is president of Scott Leavitt Insurance & Financial Services and president and founding member of My Wellchoice+. Scott resides in Boise, Idaho with his wife Amy and their four children. Scott is also very active in his church and serves as executive secretary of his ward.

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