AAHOA Congratulates Vivek Murthy on Confirmation as Surgeon General

ATLANTA, Ga., Mar. 26 – AAHOA, the nation’s largest association of hotel owners, congratulated Dr. Vivek Murthy on his confirmation as U.S. Surgeon General, a position in which he served previously from 2014 to 17.

“America’s hotel owners congratulate Dr. Murthy on his confirmation. He is an experienced public health expert who will help guide our nation’s ongoing response to COVID-19,” AAHOA Chairman Biran Patel said. “Like many AAHOA Members, Dr. Murthy’s roots are in India. He is a shining example of the American Dream, and we look forward to his distinguished leadership and efforts to advance public health as the nation emerges from this pandemic.”

The hospitality industry felt the economic fallout of the pandemic at its onset. Industry forecasts project that hotels will not fully recover until 2024 with some experts predicting that business travel will rebound to only 80 percent of pre-pandemic levels.

“The strength and speed of the hotel industry’s recovery is directly tied to the resumption of travel. We are confident that Dr. Murthy will once again help relay clear, science-based health guidelines and practices to the public and help people regain the confidence to resume pre-pandemic activities such as leisure and business travel safely,” AAHOA President & CEO Cecil P. Staton said.

About AAHOA:

AAHOA is the largest hotel owners association in the world. The nearly 20,000 AAHOA members represent almost one in every two hotels in the United States. With billions of dollars in property assets and hundreds of thousands of employees, AAHOA members are core economic contributors in virtually every community. AAHOA is a proud defender of free enterprise and the foremost current-day example of realizing the American dream.

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