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Veterans Administration Official to Address Secretaries of State at NASS 2008 Summer Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan

U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs General Counsel Paul Hutter to Discuss Voter Registration Directive with Secretaries of State

Washington, DC–-The National Association of Secretaries of State today announced that Paul Hutter, general counsel for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, will address its membership on Saturday, July 26 from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM at the Amway Grand Plaza as part of the NASS 2008 Summer Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Hutter will discuss the subject of voter registration services at VA facilities.

"We are grateful to Secretary James Peake and his senior staff for reaching out to assist secretaries of state in understanding the VA's May 2008 directive on voter registration activities," said NASS President Todd Rokita, Indiana Secretary of State. "Their willingness to directly address our members on this topic will help to ensure that state and local election officials can clarify their own policies and act properly to provide our nation's veterans with access to voter registration information and materials according to the law."

The National Association of Secretaries of State, the nation's oldest, nonpartisan professional association for public officials, will be holding its annual summer meeting in Michigan from July 25-28, 2008. Thirty-nine of its members serve as chief state election officials.

Full conference agenda online: www.nass.org.

WHAT: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs General Counsel to Address Chief State Election Officials at National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) 2008 Summer Conference

WHEN: Saturday, July 26, 2008 – 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM

WHERE: Vandenburg B Room, Amway Grand Plaza, 187 Monroe, NW, Grand Rapids, MI

TO CONFIRM ATTENDANCE: Contact Kay Stimson at 202.624.3528. Valid media credentials required for admittance.

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Founded in 1904, the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) is the oldest nonpartisan, professional organization of public officials in the U.S. Members include the 50 states, the District of Columbia and the territories of American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.