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**NINE COMMUNITIES RECEIVE THE DISTINGUISHED 2019 JOHN A. SASSO  
NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK AWARD**

**WASHINGTON, DC -**

On June 21, 2019, the National Community Development Association (NCDCA) recognized the following winners of the 2019 John A. Sasso National Community Development Week Award during a luncheon at the 50th NCDCA Annual Conference in Jacksonville, FL.

- Pasco County, FL
- Newton, MA
- Quincy, MA
- Greenville, NC
- Columbia, SC
- Dallas, TX
- El Paso, TX
- Plano, TX
- San Antonio, TX

Communities across the country compete for the John A. Sasso National Community Development Week Award. The award recognizes outstanding community efforts to promote and celebrate the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program during National Community Development Week. National Community Development Week is celebrated annually during Easter week. It provides the opportunity for grantees, sub-recipients, beneficiaries, State and local partners, and the community to unite to celebrate and recognize the impact of the CDBG and HOME programs by showcasing projects and educating the community and Congressional Members on program accomplishments. This year marks the 33rd anniversary of National Community Development Week and the 19th anniversary of the John A. Sasso National Community Development Week Award.

**John A. Sasso**

The National Community Development Week Award is named in honor of John A. Sasso, NCDCA's founder and leading force in nationally promoting CDBG, NCDCA, and its members. In 1970, John Sasso became the first President of the Model Cities Community Development Directors Association (MCCDDA). MCCDDA

eventually became the National Community Development Association after passage of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, which created the CDBG program. John began his tenure in the field of community development as a Planner for the City of Pawtucket, RI. He retired from NCDCA in 2000. Sadly, John passed away in August 2016.

**About NCDCA**

NCDCA is a non-partisan, national non-profit member-based organization that represents over 400 local government departments across the country that administer federally-supported community and economic development and affordable housing programs, principally the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program, HUD's homelessness assistance programs and HUD's economic development programs. NCDCA is an association of people committed to assist local governments to achieve high quality, locally responsive programs for making communities better places in which to live and work, particularly for low- and moderate-income people.