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Creating Positive Change, Unity, and Healing in Times of Turmoil

(New York, NY—January 8, 2021) – Amida Care, New York State’s largest not-for-profit Medicaid Special Needs Health Plan (SNP) designed for New Yorkers living with complex conditions like HIV, has issued the following statement from President and CEO Doug Wirth in response to the political crisis that unfolded at the Capitol on Wednesday, January 6.

“It has never been more clear that positive change can only happen by working together peacefully and respectfully to achieve a common good. The unprecedented violent insurgence in our nation’s capital on Wednesday did the opposite. It was a shocking assault on our democracy, and it took social and political divisiveness to a new and dangerous level. Whatever our beliefs may be, inciting violence, demonizing our opponents, and fomenting hatred are not the ways to resolve our differences; these only lead to escalating turmoil, chaos, and destruction.”

“In the words of the late Congressman John Lewis, a great leader and statesman, ‘Democracy is not a state. It is an act, and each generation must do its part to build ... the Beloved Community, a nation and world society at peace with itself.’ Amida Care will continue to work to dismantle systemic racism, promote LGBTQ and women’s rights, end the national HIV epidemic, improve access to health care by strengthening Medicaid and building on the Affordable Care Act, and break down barriers so we can all live in a healthier, more just society. My hope for 2021 and beyond is for our society to rebuild trust and faith in the cherished democratic values that we share as Americans.”

Amida Care Inc. is a not-for-profit health plan that specializes in providing comprehensive health coverage and coordinated care to New Yorkers with complex conditions, including HIV and behavioral health disorders, and people who are of transgender experience or who are homeless (regardless of HIV status). Amida Care has a wide network of health care providers throughout New York City and is the largest Medicaid Special Needs Health Plan (SNP) in New York State. For more information, visit www.amidacareny.org.