

September 16, 2015

Gov. Nikki R. Haley  
Office of the Governor  
Office Of The Governor  
1205 Pendleton St  
Columbia, SC 29201-3756

Dear Leader:

On behalf of the Officers and members of the American Medical Association (AMA), it is our pleasure to invite you to submit nominations for the 2016 Dr. Nathan Davis Awards for Outstanding Government Service. The Awards are recognized nationally as one of the most prestigious honors extended to elected officials and career government employees for outstanding endeavors that advance public health.

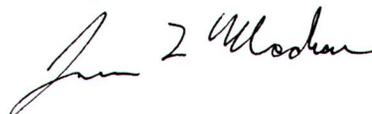
Please take a few minutes to review the enclosed brochure that outlines the criteria utilized by the independent panel of judges as they make their recommendations to the AMA. You will note that the AMA presents these awards in seven categories of public service, including local, state and federal government. Each year, the caliber of nominees is a testament to the incredible initiatives being advanced by government and elected officials throughout our nation.

Also enclosed is a nomination form with the hope that you or your organization will submit one or more nominations. Nomination forms can also be submitted online at [www.ama-assn.org/go/NDAnomination](http://www.ama-assn.org/go/NDAnomination). If you would like a Microsoft Word version of the nomination form, please reach out to the Awards Secretariat at the number listed below. Please note the deadline for submission is 5:00 p.m. Friday, November 20, 2015. Supplemental supporting material should be limited to no more than ten pages. Please be aware that we will only contact you if your nominee has been selected.

Each year, we are enormously pleased by the interest in the awards and the outstanding nominations we receive. Clearly, there is a desire and a necessity to recognize and salute individuals in government service who are giving of themselves and their talents in meaningful ways.

If you have any questions regarding the awards or the nomination process, contact the Awards Secretariat at (202) 783-9156. We look forward to receiving your nominations.

Sincerely,



James L. Madara, MD

Enclosures

P.S. The awards will be presented at a gala banquet at the Grand Hyatt Washington Hotel in Washington, DC, on Tuesday, February 23, 2016, in conjunction with the National Advocacy Conference. Mark your calendars now.

Awards, including a suitable recognition presentation piece, will be made by the AMA upon the selection of winners by an outstanding panel of judges. Judges may determine to select or not select a recipient in a given category. Awards will be presented at a recognition dinner in Washington, D.C.



## ★ 2015 recipients

### Irene Aguilar, MD

Senator  
The State of Colorado

### Mike Beebe

Governor  
The State of Arkansas

### Timothy N. Brown, MD

State Representative  
The State of Indiana

### Michael C. Burgess, MD

United States Representative  
The State of Texas

### Bruce G. Gellin, MD, MPH

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health  
Director, National Vaccine Program Office  
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health,  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

### Joseph W. Thompson, MD, MPH

Director, Arkansas Center for Health Improvement  
Professor, Colleges of Medicine and Public Health  
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences  
General Pediatrician

### Dale P. Sandler, PhD

Senior Investigator  
Epidemiology Branch/Chronic Disease Epidemiology Group  
National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences

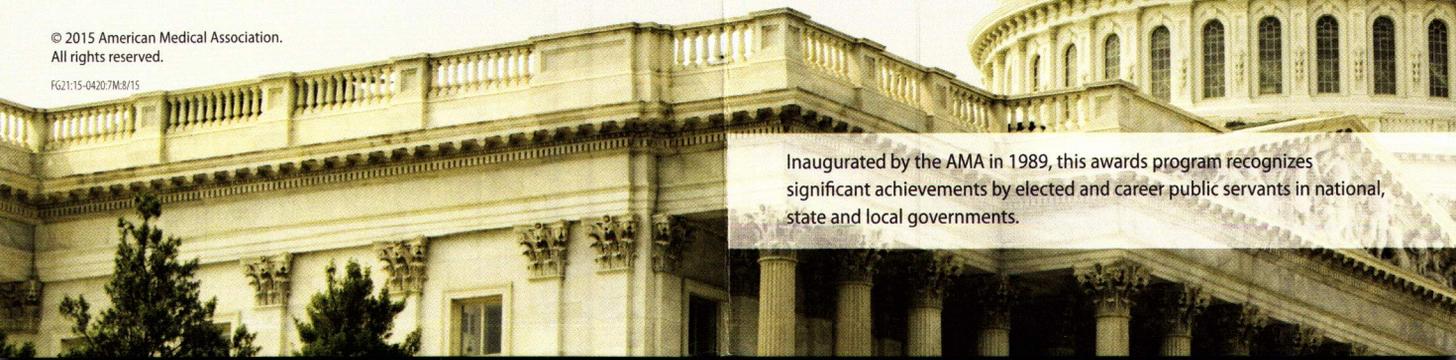
## 2016 Dr. Nathan Davis Awards for Outstanding Government Service



Feb. 23  
Grand Hyatt Washington  
Washington, D.C.

### Submission information

Inaugurated by the AMA in 1989, this awards program recognizes significant achievements by elected and career public servants in national, state and local governments.



Awarded to elected and career public servants in national, state and local governments, the **Dr. Nathan Davis Awards for Outstanding Government Service**, which are named for the founder of the American Medical Association, are presented for outstanding contributions that “promote the art and science of medicine and the betterment of public health.”

Through these awards, the AMA strives to encourage and stimulate public recognition for the highest standards of service throughout the levels of government. The awards underscore the significant accomplishments attained by men and women who are giving of themselves to advance the well-being of all.

To uphold the dictates of its constitution, the AMA, on behalf of its members, looks forward to receiving your nominations, and to selecting and saluting the recipients of the 2016 Dr. Nathan Davis Awards for Outstanding Government Service.

Please nominate one or more individuals in any of the categories cited herein who uphold and advance the criteria listed.

### ★ Award categories

- U.S. senator
- U.S. representative
- Member of the executive branch serving by presidential/political appointment (federal)
- Member of the executive branch in career public service (federal)
- Governor or elected statewide official
- Member of a state legislature
- Career public servant at the state or local level

### ★ Award criteria

The criteria to be observed in selecting these outstanding individuals shall include one or more of the following:

- Contributed greatly to the public health through elected and career government service
- Is an outstanding leader in his/her field
- Has high personal integrity
- Promoted the art and science of medicine in or through government service
- Developed a special project that contributed to the public health of a given community or special population

### ★ Submitting nominations

All nominations must be submitted in a typed format using the enclosed nomination form, or online at [www.ama-assn.org/go/NDAnomination](http://www.ama-assn.org/go/NDAnomination). Nominations must be received at the Office of the Secretariat by 5 p.m. EST on Friday, Nov. 20, 2015.

Nominations should be submitted to:  
Dr. Nathan Davis Awards  
Office of the Secretariat  
1401 Eye St. N.W., Ste. 220  
Washington, DC 20005

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the awards secretariat at (202) 783-9156.



# 2016 Dr. Nathan Davis Awards for Outstanding Government Service



## Nomination form

To be completed and returned to:

Awards Secretariat, attn: Roy Pfautch, 1401 Eye St. N.W., Ste. 220, Washington, DC 20005

Telephone: (202) 783-9156 / Fax: (202) 783-9158

(Nomination forms can also be submitted online at [www.ama-assn.org/go/NDAnomination](http://www.ama-assn.org/go/NDAnomination))

### Nomination submitted by:

Name (Please indicate Mr., Ms., Miss, Mrs., or appropriate salutation and appropriate professional designation MD, PhD, MPH, etc.)

Title

Organization

Mailing address (If providing P.O. Box, please include street address.)

City

State

ZIP code

Telephone

Fax

Email address

Submit nominations in a typed format using the enclosed nomination form.

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### I. Nominee for award

Name (Please indicate Mr., Ms., Miss, Mrs., or appropriate salutation and appropriate professional designation MD, PhD, MPH, etc.)

Title/position/occupation

Organization

Mailing address (If providing P.O. Box, please include street address.)

City

State

ZIP code

Telephone

Fax

Email address

### II. Category of nomination

Check one:  U.S. senator  U.S. representative  Governor or elected statewide official

Member of executive branch serving by presidential/political appointment (federal government)

Member of executive branch in career public service (federal government)

Member of a state legislature

Career public servant at the state or local level

