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### **AAHOA Statement on Fla. Gov. DeSantis Swearing-in**

ATLANTA, Ga, Jan. 9 – AAHOA President and CEO Chip Rogers issued the following statement upon the swearing in of Ron DeSantis as the 46<sup>th</sup> Governor of Florida:

“America’s hoteliers congratulate Governor DeSantis as he assumes one of the most prominent executive offices in the country. Florida is one of the leading tourism destinations in the United States, and hoteliers play a key role in welcoming visitors from across the nation and across the world. As parts of Florida continue to rebuild after Hurricane Michael, we are confident that the DeSantis administration will be a reliable partner in prioritizing the needs of small business owners who are instrumental in getting the affected communities back on their feet. We are optimistic and encouraged by the pro-jobs, pro-business message Governor DeSantis brings to Tallahassee and look forward to working with him to ensure that Florida’s hospitality industry continues to thrive.”

#### **About AAHOA:**

*AAHOA is the largest hotel owners association in the world. The over 18,500 AAHOA members own 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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