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## **Alabama ABC Board Assists Montgomery Area Council On Aging**

MONTGOMERY, AL – June 17, 2020) -- On behalf of the Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, the National Alcohol Beverage Control Association (NABCA), has donated \$10,000 to the Montgomery Area Council On Aging (MCOA) to help in its efforts to aid those who have been adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The ABC Board has been a member of NABCA since 1938 and the two organizations have collaborated on numerous community efforts in the past.

“The world has experienced unprecedented, negative circumstances due to the loss and hardship caused by the spread of COVID-19,” said Jim Sgueo, NABCA president and CEO. “It is our hope that this contribution will be helpful in easing the burden so many find themselves faced with today.”

“We are extremely proud of our association with the National Alcohol Beverage Control Association and this most noble effort. We hope this contribution to MACOA will assist in providing critical services to our communities,” said Mac Gipson, administrator of the Alabama ABC Board. “We stand ready to support our community organizations and licensees as they continue to find new and novel ways to provide for those most in need.”

(Visit the AL ABC Board website for more information.)

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**About Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board:**

Created by the Alabama Legislature in 1937, the Alabama ABC Board controls alcoholic beverages through distribution, licensing, enforcement and education. The Board operates 174 retail stores that sell alcohol to consumers. Also, the Board conducts a school-based, anti-underage drinking program – *Under Age, Under Arrest* – that has reached approximately 150,000 middle, junior high, high school and college students.

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**About NABCA:**

Established in 1938, NABCA is the national association representing the Control State Systems - those jurisdictions that directly control the distribution and sale of beverage alcohol within their borders. Headquartered in Arlington, VA, NABCA's mission is to support member jurisdictions in their efforts to protect public health and safety and assure responsible and efficient systems for beverage alcohol distribution and sales.

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