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Commissioner Bill Holen participates in new initiative, helps residents build a safe and healthy community

LITTLETON, CO --- Arapahoe County Commissioner Bill Holen will take part in a new initiative designed to better connect residents to county services with the hopes of building safe, healthy and vibrant communities.

The initiative, called "Connecting the Unconnected: Counties Linking Residents to Services," was developed by the [National Association of Counties](#) (NACo) of which Commissioner Holen is a part of.

"Connecting residents to accessible County services is a critical component to the success of our community," said Commissioner Bill Holen, District 5. "Increasing our efficiency in how we deliver programs, remove barriers, reduce overlap, steward taxpayer dollars and connect our most vulnerable citizens is how Arapahoe County is *connecting the unconnected*."

NACo is the only national organization that represents county governments in the United States. NACo promotes sound public policies, fosters county solutions and innovation, promotes intergovernmental and public-private collaboration and provides value-added services to save counties and taxpayers money.

Holen currently serves as Vice-Chair of the Veterans and Military Services Committee, which helps veteran and military families with programs and services. He also is the Chair of the Airports Subcommittee for the Transportation Steering Committee, which supports highway and bridge infrastructure through federal legislation.

Holen is a Vietnam Army Veteran and former member of the Colorado Air National Guard. He serves as a Goodwill Ambassador to the United States Air Force 460th Space Wing Command Commander's Group. In 2013, he chaired the Colorado Bipartisan Military Post-Traumatic Stress Task Force, which address PTSD and brain trauma to veterans returning home from service. In 2013, he participated in the U.S. Air Force Air War College and the 60th Annual National Security Forum. That same year, he jointly led the County's Prescription Drug Overdose task force, a coalition of community leaders, doctors and administrators from Kaiser Permanente, to address the staggering abuse of prescription pain medications, such as oxycodone.

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