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CHICAGO — Brett Kessler, D.D.S., a general dentist practicing in Denver, was installed as a trustee of the American Dental Association (ADA) in San Francisco at the ADA FDI World Dental Congress 2019.

Dr. Kessler will serve on the ADA Board of Trustees as the trustee from the Fourteenth District, which includes Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, Nevada and Wyoming. The ADA Board of Trustees formulates and reviews policies and programs and makes recommendations to the members of the ADA's governing body, the House of Delegates. As a member of the ADA Board of Trustees, Dr. Kessler will play a major role in the organization's objective to be America's leading advocate for oral health.

Dr. Kessler has held a number of leadership positions within the ADA. He has served as a delegate in the ADA's House of Delegates since 2008 and has been a consultant to the Council on Dental Wellbeing Advisory Committee since 2007. In 2010, Dr. Kessler received the ADA's Golden Apple Award (the highest

award bestowed by the Association) for outstanding leadership in mentoring. He most recently served as the vice chair of the Council on Dental Benefit Plans.

Dr. Kessler served as president of Colorado Dental Association in 2014-2015 and was instrumental in the formulation and implementation of an adult Medicaid dental benefit in Colorado. He Kessler speaks nationally on dental wellbeing and leadership topics to help dentists live their best lives. Dr. Kessler has received fellowships from the American College of Dentists, the International College of Dentists and the Pierre Fauchard Academy. He has testified before both the U.S. Congress and Colorado state legislature in an effort to help enact laws that serve the profession and the public.

Dr. Kessler graduated from the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry in 1995. He completed his general practice residency at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in 1997. An avid endurance athlete, Dr. Kessler championed the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's team at the 2018 Ironman World Championship in Hawaii and is returning to race again in 2019. He lives in Denver with his wife Gina Kessler, D.D.S., and their four children.

About the ADA

The not-for-profit ADA is the nation's largest dental association, representing 163,000 dentist members. The premier source of oral health information, the ADA has advocated for the public's health and promoted the art and science of dentistry since 1859. The ADA's state-of-the-art research facilities develop and test dental products and materials that have advanced the practice of dentistry and made the patient experience more positive. The ADA Seal of Acceptance long has been a valuable and respected guide to consumer dental care products. The monthly The Journal of the American Dental Association (JADA) is the ADA's flagship publication and the best-read scientific journal in dentistry. For more information about the ADA, visit ADA.org. For more information on oral health, including prevention, care and

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