

1 **2023 NYSAC Fall Seminar**
2 **Standing Committee on Public Safety**
3 **Resolution #5**

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5 **Resolution calling on the Legislature to pass S.4583A (Martinez) A.5942A**
6 **(Jean-Pierre) amending the County Law, in relation to the Next Generation**
7 **911 System, an emergency services Internet Protocol network and for**
8 **Governor Kathy Hochul to sign into law**

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10 **WHEREAS**, Next Generation (NG) 911 (commonly referred to as NG911) is a digital
11 internet protocol (IP)-based system that will replace the analog 911 infrastructure that's
12 been in place for decades and it is expected that the FCC will soon mandate 911 Public
13 Safety Answering Point (PSAP), to support NG911; and

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15 **WHEREAS**, NG911 involves the latest 911 technology, including upgrades for
16 pinpointing the exact location of cell phone callers, translating text messages at a 911
17 PSAP, and ensuring counties have back up resources with other similar counties. NG 911
18 also requires an ESInet; and

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20 **WHEREAS**, while the technology to implement these new IP-based 911 systems is
21 available, the transition to NG911 involves much more than just new computer hardware
22 and software; and

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24 **WHEREAS**, implementing NG911 in states and counties nationwide will require the
25 coordination of resources and support of a variety of emergency communication, public
26 safety, legislative, and governing entities; and

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28 **WHEREAS**, according to the federal government back in 2018, the cost to deploy
29 NG911 across the nation is estimated to be \$9.5 billion to \$12.7 billion. The full 10-year
30 complete lifecycle cost estimate to deploy and operate NG911 nationwide is between
31 \$13.5 billion and \$16.1billion; and

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33 **WHEREAS**, the estimated price tag in New York State for NG 911 is expected to be \$2
34 billion over the next 10 years. County 911 departments do NOT have the adequate
35 funding to take on the task of building their own ESInet and risk having a patchwork
36 system that does not properly follow the intent of NextGen 911 or provide the necessary
37 safety upgrades to the 911 system and the people of New York; and

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39 **WHEREAS**, today, 911 centers face a wide range of challenges, including funding,
40 hiring staff, high call volumes, to helping people with special needs and the proliferation
41 of the use of new communications technologies, all with an inadequate amount of
42 funding; and

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44 **WHEREAS**, S.4583A (Martinez) A.5942A (Jean-Pierre) would codify into law the
45 requirements for Next Generation 911 and require the state to build the Next Generation

1 Emergency Services Internet Protocol Network (ESINet) which is a network capable of
2 connecting calls, texts, and other forms of media from the public to 911 PSAPs.

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4 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the New York State Association of
5 Counties (NYSAC) hereby urges the State Legislature to enact S.4583A (Martinez)
6 A.5942A (Jean-Pierre) to remove the requirement that every municipality have an EMS
7 district; and

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9 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution be sent to the sixty-two
10 counties of New York State encouraging member counties to enact similar resolutions;
11 and

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13 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that NYSAC shall forward copies of this resolution to
14 Governor Kathy Hochul, the New York State Legislature and all others deemed
15 necessary and proper.