

1 **NYSAC 2023 Fall Seminar**  
2 **Standing Committee on Native American Affairs and Gaming**  
3 **Resolution #1**  
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5 **Resolution Calling on the State of New York to Equitably Enter into**  
6 **Compact Agreement with Seneca Nation of Indians and Distribute Gaming**  
7 **Revenue to the Western Counties of New York**

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9 **WHEREAS**, since 2002, the State of New York and the Seneca Nation have agreed to a  
10 compact with a provision that gaming revenue would be shared with the State in return  
11 for certain gaming exclusivity rights in Western New York; and  
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13 **WHEREAS**, the State of New York shares with local governments, including 16  
14 counties in Western New York, a portion of revenue they receive from the Seneca  
15 Nation; and  
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17 **WHEREAS**, the counties rely on that revenue to maintain infrastructure, such as road  
18 maintenance, and provide public safety for all residents, such social services, public  
19 health and safety; and  
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21 **WHEREAS**, in December 2023, this Compact expires and without a negotiated  
22 equitable extension agreement between the State of New York and the Seneca Nation,  
23 revenue payments to the local government may cease to exist; and  
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25 **WHEREAS**, this gaming revenue amounts to approximately \$50 million annually to  
26 the 16 counties in Western New York and is vital to fund needed services and lower  
27 property taxes; and  
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29 **WHEREAS**, local governments have already seen the negative impact losing this  
30 revenue has on their ability to provide needed local services when, in 2017, a dispute  
31 between the Seneca Nation and the State arose over the language within the compact,  
32 leading the Nation to stop revenue sharing payments to the State; and  
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34 **WHEREAS**, the Seneca Nation and the counties of New York have a long history of  
35 productive partnerships and respect, and the Nation leaders have expressed in the past  
36 they would be open to direct fiscal support to local governments.  
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38 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the New York State Association of  
39 Counties (NYSAC) calls on the State of New York to come to an equitable agreement and  
40 continue a Compact with the Seneca Nation; and  
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42 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the outcome of the Compact negotiation must result  
43 in county and local government continuing to receive at least the same annual revenue  
44 to avoid harm to public safety and county services; and  
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1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, copies of this resolution be sent to the counties of  
2 New York State, encouraging member counties to enact similar resolutions; and

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4 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, NYSAC shall forward copies of this resolution to  
5 Governor Kathy Hochul, the New York State Legislature, Seneca Nation of Indians, and  
6 all others deemed necessary and proper.