

Thereas, New York State strives to maintain the health and well-being of our residents and as such welcomes the opportunity to recognize institutions that pursue this worthwhile endeavor; it is therefore appropriate that we acknowledge the New York State Association of Counties on the occasion of its 100th anniversary; and

Whereas, the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) was founded in 1925 by a small group of New York State county leaders to unify their voices and speak for their shared interests; today, it advocates for the state's 62 counties while fostering excellence in county government; and

Whereas, NYSAC members promote communication between their respective counties and state and federal government, addressing local needs and recommending relevant solutions; additional public policy research and education provided to government officials and county residents promote deeper understanding and innovative problem-solving; and

Whereas, to best serve its members and optimize public operations that maintain quality of life conditions for residents, NYSAC offers resources for a range of county officials' roles; the County Finance School and the County Government Institute provide specialized training for both government leaders and financial professionals; NYSAC's online resources guide members on topics such as budgeting and media relations; and

Whereas, by facilitating collaboration among its members, NYSAC encourages county officials to network and build upon evidence-based programs; this enduring spirit of partnership creates mutual support between leaders and helps all involved to work towards common goals for residents' benefit;

Row, Therefore, I, Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby confer this Special Citation upon the

NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

with best wishes for future success.

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