

1 **NYSAC 2023 Fall Seminar**
2 **Standing Committee on Medicaid and Human Services**
3 **Resolution #2**

4 **Resolution Urging the New York State Congressional Delegation to Clarify**
5 **the Distribution Model of Affordable Care Act Enhanced Federal Medical**
6 **Assistance Percentage Funding**

7 **WHEREAS**, the Affordable Care Act (ACA) provides an enhanced federal Medicaid
8 match to encourage states to participate in expanding health coverage to the uninsured,
9 as well as provide fiscal savings to states like New York that had already covered many
10 uninsured people using Medicaid prior to the enactment of the ACA; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the ACA has been highly successful in reducing the number of uninsured
12 New Yorkers, cutting the rate in half to below six percent; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the enhanced federal Medicaid match under the ACA has provided
14 significant savings to county property taxpayers because the New York State
15 congressional delegation insisted the federal savings be shared with the counties and
16 New York City because of the large percentage they are forced to pay of the nonfederal
17 share of the state's Medicaid program costs; and

18 **WHEREAS**, these savings equaled about \$623 million for the counties and New York
19 City in SFY 2023; and

20 **WHEREAS**, congressional actions have required the State of New York to share these
21 savings proportional to the amount counties paid of the nonfederal share dating back to
22 2003; and

23 **WHEREAS**, this year, Governor Hochul took administrative action to intercept the
24 federal savings provided by the ACA that have been passed through to counties and New
25 York City since signed into law over a decade ago; and

26 **WHEREAS**, for the 57 counties outside of NYS, the intercept of these federal savings
27 equates to a 5.2 percent property tax increase, on average, and will exceed 10 percent for
28 some counties.

29 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the New York State Association of
30 Counties (NYSAC) calls on the New York State congressional delegation to clarify in
31 statute the sharing of federal savings provided by the ACA between the state and its
32 counties (social service districts) is to be based on the proportionate share of Medicaid
33 that each county pays of the nonfederal share of the program's costs; and

34 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, copies of this resolution be sent to the counties of
35 New York State encouraging member counties to enact a similar resolution; and

- 1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, NYSAC shall forward copies of this resolution to the
- 2 New York State Congressional Delegation.