

1 **NYSAC 2024 Fall Seminar**
2 **Standing Committee on Native American Affairs and Gaming**
3 **Resolution #2**

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5 **Resolution Calling on the State to Equitably Distribute Gaming Revenue to**
6 **all New York Counties and to Make Whole Counties Impacted by the State’s**
7 **Gaming Revenue Changes**
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9 **WHEREAS**, in recent years the State has altered the commercial gaming industry with
10 actions such as legalizing mobile sports betting and reducing the gaming tax on selected
11 commercial casinos; and
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13 **WHEREAS**, soon more changes will occur that impact the State’s gaming revenue
14 System, including the license bids for up to three more downstate private casinos as well
15 as the State negotiating a new compact with the Seneca Nation in Western NY; and
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17 **WHEREAS**, the license rights from new downstate casinos will likely generate billions
18 of dollars in new revenue for the State of New York, none of which is scheduled at this
19 time to be shared with the local governments; and
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21 **WHEREAS**, the State’s current gaming revenue sharing system brings hundreds of
22 millions of dollars to local governments and has become crucial funding in support of
23 local government services; and
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25 **WHEREAS**, this needed local government funding support is especially important in
26 areas with recently created private casinos where infrastructure needs such as road
27 maintenance, public safety and public health services all increased; and
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29 **WHEREAS**, the recent and future changes directly impact the current local
30 government revenue-sharing system within certain regions; and
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32 **WHEREAS**, any gaming revenue disruption to this sharing system directly impacts a
33 local government’s ability to provide crucial services.
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35 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the New York State Association of
36 Counties (NYSAC) calls on the State to make a permanent annual appropriation to offset
37 any local funding decrease that results from the State’s private casino tax reductions;
38 and

1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, NYSAC calls on the State to make a permanent
2 annual appropriation to offset any local funding decrease that results from major
3 gaming statewide changes such as mobile sports betting, private casino expansion, and
4 the resulting compact negotiations with the Seneca Nation; and

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

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