

1 **2006 Fall Seminar**  
2 **Standing Committee on Economic Development, Environment & Rural Affairs**  
3 **Resolution #02**

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5 **RESOLUTION URGING FEDERAL AND STATE REPRESENTATIVES TO**  
6 **PROTECT THE FARMING INTERESTS OF NEW YORK STATE**  
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8 **WHEREAS**, New York State is a major agricultural producer of essential staple  
9 crops for the Northeast region, the Eastern Seaboard and the entire United States; and  
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11 **WHEREAS**, over the past year, many factors have negatively impacted New  
12 York's farming industry including staggering increases for fuel, extreme flooding in  
13 several regions of the State, changes in the commodities market and government fiscal  
14 constraints; and  
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16 **WHEREAS**, the farming interests of New York including dairy, specialty crops  
17 and traditional agricultural products are vital to the economy of both the State and the  
18 entire nation; and  
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20 **WHEREAS**, it is imperative that representatives at both the Federal and State  
21 levels work together to assist New York's farmers and the statewide agricultural industry;  
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24 **WHEREAS**, state policy makers must assist New York's agricultural industry by  
25 increasing funding for important state agro-programs, farmland protection plans,  
26 expansion of agricultural research projects and other production and environmental issues  
27 related to agriculture; and  
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29 **WHEREAS**, as the debate over the 2007 Federal Farm bill begins, New York's  
30 Congressional Delegation must insure that the final language reflects the nationwide  
31 importance of New York State's broad range of agricultural production and provide New  
32 York's farmers with an equitable share of subsidy payments, research funding and access  
33 to other programs that will be included in the bill's final form:  
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35 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the New York State  
36 Association of Counties (NYSAC) urges New York State lawmakers and Federal  
37 Representatives to protect the farming interests of New York State in the coming year,  
38 insuring that the final language reflect the nationwide importance of New York's  
39 agricultural resources; and  
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41 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that NYSAC shall forward copies of this  
42 Resolution to the New York State Delegation of Congress, the Governor, the New York  
43 State Legislature and all others deemed necessary and proper.