

1 **2006 Fall Seminar**  
2 **Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Relations & General Government**  
3 **Resolution #01**

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5 **RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE SHARED MUNICIPAL SERVICES**  
6 **INCENTIVE PROGRAM BE EXPANDED TO FURTHER ADDRESS THE**  
7 **CONSOLIDATION AND SHARED SERVICES EFFORTS OF COUNTY**  
8 **GOVERNMENTS**  
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10 **WHEREAS**, the adopted 2006/2007 New York State budget greatly increased  
11 funding available to all levels of local government looking to consolidate services or  
12 merge smaller local governments into larger entities by expanding the Shared Municipal  
13 Services Incentive Program (SMSI); and  
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15 **WHEREAS**, total SMSI grant funding increased from \$2.7 million to \$25 million  
16 with specific outlays for shared services and consolidation plans relating to highways and  
17 health care; and  
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19 **WHEREAS**, the SMSI program is becoming an important tool in assisting local  
20 governments with their efforts to save real property tax dollars through the consolidation  
21 of duplicative government services, merging government programs and implementing  
22 cooperative service agreements between units of local government; and  
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24 **WHEREAS**, given their capacity for regional influence, counties are well  
25 positioned to provide leadership in local government shared services and consolidation  
26 efforts and strongly believe that the SMSI program should be expanded:  
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28 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the New York State  
29 Association of Counties (NYSAC) urges the Governor and the New York State  
30 Legislature expand the Shared Municipal Services Incentive Program, to further address  
31 the consolidation efforts and shared services plans of county governments across the  
32 State; and  
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34 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that any expansion of the SMSI program  
35 should include:

- 36 • a grant funding allocation of at least \$50 million to be included in the
- 37 2006/2007 adopted New York State budget,
- 38 • additional funding specifically set aside for best practices initiatives specific
- 39 to local government transportation maintenance service agreements involving
- 40 county highways,
- 41 • the expansion of SMSI direct set aside categories, including county initiated
- 42 consolidation efforts, county-wide record storage projects and joint public
- 43 safety programs; and

44 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the NYSAC shall forward copies of this  
45 Resolution to the Governor, the New York State Legislature and all others deemed  
46 necessary and proper.