

1 **2006 Fall Seminar**
2 **Standing Committee Public Safety**
3 **Resolution #01**

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5 **RESOLUTION CALLING UPON THE GOVERNOR AND STATE**
6 **LEGISLATURE TO ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR STATE**
7 **PRISONERS HOUSED IN COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES**

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9 **WHEREAS**, there are approximately 4,700 parole violators housed in county
10 correctional facilities throughout New York State at any given time; and

11 **WHEREAS**, of this number, approximately 2,000 of these individuals are
12 Technical Parole Violators (PV's) and 2,700 are New Arrest Parole Violators (NAPV's);
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14 **WHEREAS**, the upstate daily average cost for housing inmates in county
15 correctional facilities is approximately \$105.00 per inmate and the average cost for New
16 York City is nearly \$300.00 per inmate; and

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18 **WHEREAS**, the enacted 2006-2007 State Budget responded to NYSAC's
19 concerns by increasing the per diem rate for housing technical PV's and state ready
20 inmates from \$34.00 per day, to the statutory maximum of \$40.00 per day, which will
21 increase the reimbursement to counties throughout the State by \$4.4 million; and

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23 **WHEREAS**, even with this budgetary change, the reimbursement is still
24 inadequate given the actual cost of housing these state prisoners; and

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26 **WHEREAS**, the state provides no reimbursement for NAPV's and counties are
27 required to take full financial responsibility for medical and transportation costs incurred
28 by all state parole violators and state ready inmates housed in county jails; and

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30 **WHEREAS**, several county correctional facilities are currently operating at or
31 near capacity levels, in large part because they are forced to house state prisoners while
32 state correctional facilities are being closed and downsized due to significant reductions
33 in their populations; and

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35 **WHEREAS**, in an effort to alleviate overcrowding in county correctional
36 facilities and provide mandate relief, NYSAC urges the State to:

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- 39 • Take immediate responsibility of their prisoners when they violate the
40 conditions of their parole,
 - 41 • Provide actual reimbursement for housing and medical costs associated with
42 the placement of parole violators in county correctional facilities,
 - 43 • Work with county corrections officials to develop creative alternatives to the
44 massive expansion of local correctional facilities advocated by state policy
makers,

- 1 • Continue to fund and expand alternatives to incarceration and re-entry task
2 forces in an effort to reduce jail populations and recidivism by promoting
3 offender success in the community:
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5 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the New York State Association of
6 Counties (NYSAC) calls upon the Governor and State Legislature to assume full
7 responsibility for state prisoners housed in county correctional facilities; and
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9 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that NYSAC shall forward copies of this
10 Resolution to the Governor, the New York State Legislature and all others deemed
11 necessary and proper.