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Agriculture**

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Resolution #1**

**Resolution Urging the Governor and State Lawmakers to Sustain Funding
for Farmland Preservation**

WHEREAS, the enacted 2016/17 state budget included \$30,915,000 in agricultural funding aid to localities; and

WHEREAS, the agriculture industry remains a top contributor to the New York State economy, providing critical jobs, revenues and food for our state and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the agricultural sector, farms and related food system is a major economic engine in New York State; and

WHEREAS, while funding for farmland protection and agriculture assistance has grown, there is no guarantee that this level of funding will be continued in future years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) supports the historic commitment New York State has made toward farmland preservation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that NYSAC calls upon the Governor and State Legislature to sustain this level of funding in future state budgets and continue New York's significant commitment to farmland preservation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the sixty-two counties of New York State encouraging member counties to enact similar resolutions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that NYSAC shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, the New York State Legislature and all others deemed necessary and proper.