

1 **2022 NYSAC Fall Seminar**
2 **NYSAC IT Task Force**
3 **Resolution #1**
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5 **Resolution Commending the State for Supporting Local Cybersecurity**
6 **Efforts and Urging a Long-Term Commitment to Funding End Point**
7 **Detection and Response Solutions**

8 **WHEREAS**, the cybersecurity threats to our counties and local governments cannot be
9 understated; and

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11 **WHEREAS**, these are not theoretical threats; breaches are happening in New York;
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14 **WHEREAS**, almost everything local governments do today rely on some type of
15 information technology system, including but not limited to, email, public health
16 programs and services, social service case management, elections, highway and road
17 maintenance, public safety, snow removal, mental health care, financial management,
18 court and judicial operations, and many other functions; and

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20 **WHEREAS**, hardware, software, and connections to local government networks are an
21 integral part of just about every government operation and service; and

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23 **WHEREAS**, hackers are trying to access county systems by, among other things,
24 sending phishing emails to county employees, looking for vulnerabilities in websites and
25 looking for ways to access servers and databases; and

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27 **WHEREAS**, bad actors are trying to disrupt local government services, destroy
28 systems, exploit data, and hold systems ransom for payment; and

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30 **WHEREAS**, the State of New York has committed to supporting counties' and local
31 governments' cybersecurity efforts by creating a joint security operation center (JSOC)
32 and funding endpoint detection and response solutions (EDR) for counties and the
33 state's five largest cities.

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35 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the New York State Association of
36 Counties (NYSAC) commends the Governor, the Division of Homeland Security and
37 Emergency Services (DHSES), the Office of Information Technology Services (ITS) and
38 the Division of Budget (DOB) for providing funding in the SFY 2023 for state and local
39 cybersecurity efforts; and

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41 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, NYSAC supports the state's creation of the JSOC and
42 funding the EDR solution for counties and cities; and

1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, NYSAC calls on the Governor and DOB to commit to
2 the long-term funding of the end point detection and response solutions so that it does
3 not become an unfunded mandate for counties; and
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5 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution be sent to the counties
6 of New York State encouraging member counties to enact similar resolutions; and
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8 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that NYSAC shall forward copies of this resolution to
9 The Governor of the State of New York, the New York Legislature, the Division of
10 Homeland Security and Emergency Services, and all others deemed necessary and
11 proper.