

1 **2022 NYSAC Fall Seminar**
2 **Standing Committee on Public Safety**
3 **Resolution #6**

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5 **Resolution Urging the State to Provide Counties with Funding to**
6 **Administer Medication Assisted Treatment in Correctional Facilities**

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8 **WHEREAS**, in October 2022, the State of New York will require that all prisons and
9 jails in New York State provide medication assisted treatment (MAT) to incarcerated
10 individuals afflicted with a substance use disorder; and

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12 **WHEREAS**, the State of New York has appropriated funding to cover the costs of MAT
13 in state prisons but not in county jails; and

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15 **WHEREAS**, the scope of services required by the law far exceeds the furnishings of
16 addiction medication but also requires comprehensive peer support, counseling, re-
17 entry planning and discharge planning; and

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19 **WHEREAS**, it is estimated that between thirty and forty percent of all new jail
20 admissions would qualify for treatment; and

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22 **WHEREAS**, there is currently \$8.25 million appropriated in the Aid to Localities
23 section of the State Fiscal Year 2023 budget to support the 58 county jails outside of
24 New York City in providing these services.

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26 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the New York State Association of
27 Counties (NYSAC) calls on the State of New York to provide an additional \$20 million in
28 state funding to support these new responsibilities that fall entirely on county
29 government entities; and

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31 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, state aid for this program shall be disbursed in an
32 expedited manner to allow counties to deploy grant funding in a timely manner; and

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34 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, copies of this resolution be sent to the counties of
35 New York State encouraging member counties to enact similar resolutions; and

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37 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that NYSAC shall forward copies of this resolution to
38 the Governor of the State of New York, the New York State Legislature, and all others
39 deemed necessary and proper.