

1 **NYSAC 2022 Legislative Conference**
2 **Standing Committee on Taxation and Finance**
3 **Resolution #1**

4 **Resolution Supporting the Executive Budget Recommendation to End the**
5 **Diversion of County Sales Tax for AIM-Related Payments and to Return this**
6 **Responsibility to the State**

7 **WHEREAS**, three years ago the state enacted budget legislation to divert \$59.1 million
8 annually in county sales tax to backfill state funding cuts to the AIM program; and

9 **WHEREAS**, sales tax is the number one revenue source for many counties across the
10 state and therefore the primary local revenue to support services in our communities,
11 especially for front line workers responding to and facilitating recovery efforts from the
12 pandemic, as well as keeping property taxes lower in hundreds of communities across
13 the state that receive a share of county sales tax; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the practice of supplanting state revenues with county sales tax results in
15 regressive tax policy, jeopardizes local services and keeps property taxes higher than
16 they need to be; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the SFY 2023 Executive Budget recommendation proposes to repeal the
18 diversion of \$59.1 million annually for AIM-Related Payments and restores the full
19 funding responsibility for the AIM program to the state; and

20 **WHEREAS**, keeping local taxes local is the best way to ensure county services are
21 maintained and strengthened, while keeping property taxes lower; and

22 **WHEREAS**, ending the state diversion of county sales tax to support state spending
23 initiatives will strengthen accountability and transparency to the taxpayer.

24 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the New York State Association of
25 Counties applauds, and strongly endorses, the Governor's budget proposal to repeal the
26 diversion of county sales tax for AIM-Related Payments and to restore the full funding
27 of the AIM program to the state; and

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

30 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the New York State Association of Counties shall
31 forward copies of this resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul, the New York State
32 Legislature and all others deemed necessary and proper.