

1 **2025 NYSAC Legislative Conference**
2 **Standing Committee on Public Safety**
3 **Resolution #2**

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5 **Resolution Encouraging Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State**
6 **Legislature to Increase the Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) Budget**
7 **Allocation for County Jails**
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9 **WHEREAS**, local correctional facilities are obligated by Mental Hygiene Law section
10 19.18-c to provide medication-assisted-treatment (MAT) services to incarcerated
11 individuals who have been diagnosed with a substance use disorder; and
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13 **WHEREAS**, the provision of MAT must also be accompanied by tangential therapeutic
14 services ranging from counseling, to peer support, to discharge planning; and
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16 **WHEREAS**, in many circumstances obtaining the specific medications necessary to be
17 compliant with the law, particularly methadone, is a costly and time intensive endeavor;
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20 **WHEREAS**, the annual appropriation provided in the State's Aid to Localities Budget
21 has remained static at the insufficient amount of 8.865 million, to support the efforts of
22 56 county jails.
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24 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the New York State Association of
25 Counties (NYSAC) will join in the efforts of the New York State Sheriffs' Association to
26 seek increased funding for this mandated and important public service; and
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28 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that NYSAC urges the State of New York to amend
29 the Aid to Localities Budget to increase MAT funding by \$11 million for a total
30 appropriation of \$20 million; and
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32 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution be sent to the counties
33 of New York State encouraging member counties to enact similar resolutions; and
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35 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that NYSAC shall forward copies of this resolution to
36 Governor Kathy Hochul, the New York State Legislature and all others deemed
37 necessary and proper.