

1 **NYSAC 2023 Legislative Conference**
2 **Standing Committee on Native American Affairs and Gaming**
3 **Resolution #2**

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5 **Resolution Calling on the State to Equitably Distribute Gaming Revenue to**
6 **all New York Counties and to Make Whole Counties Impacted by the State’s**
7 **Gaming Revenue Changes**
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9 **WHEREAS**, in recent years the State has altered the commercial gaming industry with
10 actions such as legalizing mobile sports betting and reducing the gaming tax on selected
11 commercial casinos; and

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13 **WHEREAS**, soon more changes will occur that impact the State’s gaming revenue
14 system including the license bids for up to three more downstate private casinos as well
15 as the State negotiating a new compact with the Seneca Nation in Western NY; and

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17 **WHEREAS**, the license rights to new downstate casinos will likely generate an
18 expected \$1.5 billion, none of which is shared with the local governments; and

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20 **WHEREAS**, the State’s gaming revenue sharing system brings hundreds of millions of
21 dollars to local governments and has become crucial funding in support of local
22 government services; and

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24 **WHEREAS**, the recent and future changes directly impact the current local
25 government revenue-sharing system within certain regions; and

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27 **WHEREAS**, any gaming revenue disruption to this sharing system directly impacts a
28 local government’s ability to provide crucial services.

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30 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the New York State Association of
31 Counties (NYSAC) calls on the State to make a permanent annual appropriation to offset
32 any local funding decrease that results from the State’s private casino tax reductions;
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35 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, NYSAC calls on the State to make a permanent
36 annual appropriation to offset any local funding decrease that results from major
37 gaming statewide changes such as mobile sports betting, private casino expansion, and
38 the resulting compact negotiations with the Seneca Nation; and

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

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43 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that NYSAC shall forward copies of this resolution to
44 Governor Kathy Hochul, the New York State Legislature and all others deemed
45 necessary and proper.