

1 **NYSAC 2022 Legislative Conference**
2 **Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs**
3 **Resolution #2**

4 **Resolution Applauding the Governor and Legislature for Supporting**
5 **Community Colleges and Urging them to Develop an Equitable County**
6 **Chargeback Formula**

7 **WHEREAS**, under state law, funding for community colleges is to be provided through
8 state aid, a county sponsor contribution, and student tuition and fees; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the establishment and continued operation of a statewide community
10 college system was based on an ongoing state aid funding commitment of at least one-
11 third, and up to 40 percent, of community college operating costs; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the state funding amount has declined over the years and is now below
13 their historic one-third commitment, and far short of 40 percent; and

14 **WHEREAS**, this year the Executive State Budget proposes to maintain a funding floor
15 for community colleges at 100 percent of prior year funding, up from the 98 percent
16 floor enacted in state fiscal year 2022; and

17 **WHEREAS**, without a funding floor, community colleges would face a \$81 million (13
18 percent) loss in formula aid due to enrollment declines; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the proposed budget also includes \$150 million to expand TAP for part
20 time students and for students enrolled in workforce credential programs at community
21 colleges in high demand fields; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the global pandemic continues to impact all institutions of higher
23 learning, and many have lost students because of the shutdown of the traditional
24 learning environment; and

25 **WHEREAS**, many community colleges are facing volatile enrollment numbers and are
26 asking county sponsors and students to pay more, with county chargebacks also
27 increasing every academic year over most of the last decade far in excess of the rate of
28 inflation.

29 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the New York State Association of
30 Counties (NYSAC) applauds the Governor for proposing to implement a state funding
31 floor and for increases in TAP funding for community colleges students; and

32 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, NYSAC calls on the State University of New York
33 (SUNY) to restart the task force to develop a more equitable funding methodology for
34 community college chargebacks for counties sending residents to colleges outside of
35 their border; and

1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the proposed 100 percent funding floor be based
2 on the 2018-19 academic year, to ensure support is back to pre-pandemic levels or the
3 one-third cost, whichever is greater; and

4 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that SUNY should work closely with community
5 colleges to develop innovative solutions to attract and support students during these
6 changing social, educational, and economic times; and

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

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