

1 **NYSAC 2022 Legislative Conference**
2 **Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs**
3 **Resolution #4**

4 **Resolution Calling for an Increase in the Share of Revenue Counties Retain**
5 **for Providing State DMV Services**

6 **WHEREAS**, 51 of the 62 New York Counties are mandated by the State to operate a
7 local Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Office; and

8 **WHEREAS**, under current law the State of New York takes 87.3 percent of all fees
9 collected from the work performed by the county operated DMV's; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the remaining 12.7 percent county share has not been increased since
11 1999, yet the amount of work required by the local DMV offices has increased in that
12 same time period; and

13 **WHEREAS**, in recent years, increasingly, DMV fee transaction work has been moved
14 online, and for transactions of this type counties receive little to no funding; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the move to online transactions has not decreased the county DMV
16 workload as the transactions selected for this are quick processing in nature, leaving the
17 more difficult and often no fee workload to the county; and

18 **WHEREAS**, this dichotomy of the State taking easier transactions online, while not
19 sharing any revenues generated from these transactions with most counties and for
20 those that receive a share it is less than one percent, has created an unnecessary and
21 confusing campaign by which counties encourage residents to go to the local DMV
22 counter to ensure local spending stays local; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the Governor's proposed SFY 2023 Budget has approximately \$100
24 million in additional funding going to the State DMV to improve and upgrade their
25 software, and while this upgrade is needed for better system operations this will also
26 result in more resident online transaction ability; and

27 **WHEREAS**, New York State residents should have the ability to use online based DMV
28 services, but the state needs to recognize that the increase in internet-based DMV
29 service transactions will result in less funding to the local DMV agent offices unless the
30 current revenue sharing formula is changed; and

31 **WHEREAS**, The New York County Clerks Association, whose members operate county
32 DMV offices, provided testimony to the State Legislature's Joint Budget Committee on
33 Transportation asking for adjustments in the state's DMV revenue formula to support
34 local services that our residents rely on for more difficult transactions; and

35 **WHEREAS**, the Governor and the State Legislature have repeatedly stated that
36 lowering the property tax burden on local residents is a key priority; and

37 **WHEREAS**, increasing the county DMV revenue over the counter or internet-based
38 sharing rate from the State DMV will not result in any increased costs or fees to

1 residents or taxpayers and will provide counties with revenue to support necessary local
2 government services; and

3 **WHEREAS**, it is not equitable when a county DMV provides DMV services for our
4 residents, including overhead and staffing, yet the State takes 87.3 percent of the
5 revenue generated from these services.

6 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the New York State Association of
7 Counties (NYSAC) calls on the Governor and members of the State Legislature to
8 increase the county DMV revenue share on over the counter and internet transactions to
9 15 percent; and

10 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution be sent to the counties
11 of New York State and encourage them to enact similar resolutions; and

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