

1 **NYSAC 2021 Legislative Conference**
2 **Standing Committee on Native American Affairs and Gaming**
3 **Resolution #1**

4 **Resolution Calling on the State to Equitably Distribute Gaming Revenue to**
5 **all New York Counties**

6 **WHEREAS**, the State Fiscal Year 2022 Executive Budget proposes changing the state's
7 gaming industry by: 1) legalizing mobile sports gaming; and 2) allowing for three
8 additional private casino licenses to be awarded; and

9 **WHEREAS**, these proposed changes could impact the current local government
10 revenue sharing system; and

11 **WHEREAS**, in addition to these new proposals, the State and Seneca Nation compact
12 settlements are still stalled, heavily impacting local governments that depend on this
13 revenue that is generated from gaming in WNY; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the Governor's current proposed mobile sports gaming system would not
15 allow for a revenue sharing system with local governments or gaming system
16 government partners such as OTB and racetracks; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the State Legislature (S.1183 Addabo/ A.1257 Pretlow) is proposing an
18 alternative mobile sports betting model that would allow for revenue sharing and
19 some system operation with local entities such as OTB, which brings needed local
20 revenue and jobs; and

21 **WHEREAS**, under the current revenue sharing system with casinos, New York State
22 receives funding from gaming facilities and a portion of this funding is passed to local
23 governments; and

24 **WHEREAS**, depending on where the county is located, this local gaming revenue share
25 can come from one or a combination of the following entities: private commercial
26 casinos, Native American casinos, racinos, horse and harness raceways, and Off-Track
27 Betting Corporations (OTBs); and

28 **WHEREAS**, this gaming revenue sharing system brings hundreds of millions of dollars
29 to local governments, and this revenue is crucial for the support of needed services
30 throughout the state; and

31 **WHEREAS**, with the proposed expansion of casino gaming in New York State and the
32 potential increase from mobile sports gaming, there will be a significant realignment of
33 gaming spending throughout the State; and

34 **WHEREAS**, considerate planning with the goal of equitable statewide distribution by
35 the State Legislature and the Executive Chamber must occur prior to gaming expansion

1 in order to avoid new local government revenue sharing systems that are beneficial to
2 some and harmful to others.

3 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the New York State Association of
4 Counties (NYSAC) calls on the State, when changing and expanding the State's gaming
5 market, to distribute an equitable percentage of income and gaming revenues to local
6 governments and to consider a method where preexisting gaming facilities will retain
7 revenue locally, keep and create local jobs, and to ensure needed local government
8 revenue; and

9 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, mobile sports betting should also allow for system
10 operation and revenue sharing that meets local needs, including the creation and
11 retention of local jobs and shared revenue with local governments in order to meet the
12 increased government services needs that comes with such proposals; and

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

15 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that NYSAC shall forward copies of this resolution to
16 Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, the New York State Legislature and all others deemed
17 necessary and proper.