

1 **NYSAC 2022 Fall Seminar**  
2 **NYSAC Board of Directors**  
3 **Resolution #7**

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5 **Resolution Applauding the Governor and State Legislature for Ending the**  
6 **Diversion of County Sales Tax to Pay for State Programs and Reducing the**  
7 **Diversion of Local Sales Tax for New York City and to Encourage State**  
8 **Elected Officials to Abide by the Sunset of the Remaining Temporary**  
9 **Diversion for New York City**

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11 **WHEREAS**, four years ago the State enacted legislation to divert local sales tax to state  
12 coffers so it can be used to supplant state funding support for their own programs or to  
13 simply fill gaps in the state financial plan; and

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15 **WHEREAS**, county officials believe local sales tax is too valuable and important for  
16 county government and local taxpayers to be interfered with – it is sacrosanct; and

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18 **WHEREAS**, the state diversion of county and New York City sales tax, along with  
19 indirect actions that force local sales tax to be spent as directed by the state, will reach  
20 \$1.4 billion as of 2022; and

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22 **WHEREAS**, sales tax is the number one revenue source for many counties across the  
23 state and, therefore, the primary local revenue to support services in our communities,  
24 especially for frontline workers responding to and facilitating recovery efforts from the  
25 pandemic; and

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27 **WHEREAS**, sales tax is also the number one local revenue source for counties that  
28 helps keep property taxes lower, including the property taxes of hundreds of cities,  
29 towns and villages across the state that receive a share of the county sales tax; and

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31 **WHEREAS**, the state diversion of local sales tax endorses a reliance on highly  
32 regressive local property and sales taxes to support state programs and fails to recognize  
33 that the state tax base is far broader and the tax code is vastly more progressive so it can  
34 call on high income individuals and multi-billion dollar corporations to generate  
35 revenues; and

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37 **WHEREAS**, for many of the reasons noted, the enacted state budget for SFY 2023  
38 ended the diversion of county sales tax to pay for state programs and lowered the  
39 diversion for New York City by \$50 million annually with a three-year sunset on this  
40 remaining diversion.

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42 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the New York State Association of  
43 Counties (NYSAC) thanks and applauds the Governor and State Legislature for ending  
44 the practice of diverting local sales tax to pay for state programs; and

1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, NYSAC strongly endorses that the Governor and  
2 State Legislature abide by the sunset of the remaining sales tax diversion for New York  
3 City; and  
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5 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution be sent to the counties  
6 of New York State encouraging member counties to enact similar resolutions; and  
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8 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the New York State Association of Counties shall  
9 forward copies of this resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul, the New York State  
10 Legislature and all others deemed necessary and proper.