

1 **NYSAC 2021 Legislative Conference**
2 **Standing Committee on Children with Special Health Care Needs**
3 **Resolution #3**

4 **Resolution Supporting Rights While Interacting with Police Campaign**

5 **WHEREAS**, in the interest of inclusion, more of our children with special needs are
6 living in the community as well as attending schools with mainstreaming components;
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8 **WHEREAS**, those children with special needs who may exhibit emotional and
9 behavioral disturbances must be handled with understanding, insight, and compassion;
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11 **WHEREAS**, it is in the interest of children and their parents to understand their need
12 for safety and security as well as their rights and protections.

13 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the state shall implement a multilingual
14 “Know Your Rights” initiative geared toward high risk, behavioral middle and high
15 schoolers with special needs and their guardians; and

16 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that such initiative assists caregivers or guardians of
17 students with emotional or behavioral disturbances in identifying law enforcement,
18 their role and the students’ rights as a minor in the event of an encounter with law
19 enforcement; and

20 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, this initiative should also provide information to
21 behavioral supports within communities for both caregivers and children as well as
22 rights of detained minors with special needs; and

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

25 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the New York State Association of Counties shall
26 forward copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, the New York State
27 Legislature and all others deemed necessary and proper.
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