

1 **NYSAC 2021 Legislative Conference**
2 **Standing Committee on Public Employee Relations**
3 **Resolution #1**

4 **Resolution of Praise and Thanks to Our County Employees, Bravely and**
5 **Selflessly Fighting COVID-19 and Providing Life Saving Services**

6 **WHEREAS**, in 2020 our Nation was met with the COVID-19 pandemic, requiring
7 immediate public service action in order to save lives; and

8 **WHEREAS**, New York was unfortunately the epicenter of this pandemic, causing, to
9 date, over 42,000 deaths of our residents; and

10 **WHEREAS**, this number of deaths would have been considerably higher but for the
11 relentless efforts of our local government employees; and

12 **WHEREAS**, in March 2020 the Governor signed multiple Emergency Orders requiring
13 all but “essential employees” to no longer report to in-field work; and

14 **WHEREAS**, New Yorker’s all became aware of just how “essential” New York County
15 employees are as they stepped up throughout the pandemic, continuing to deliver life
16 saving measures to the general public at great personal risk; and

17 **WHEREAS**, throughout the pandemic it was local county health officials that gave
18 direction, educated the public on safety, and went into the field to provide testing,
19 sample collection, and vaccinations; and

20 **WHEREAS** our county public safety officers continued to work throughout the
21 pandemic, fighting the virus on the frontline as well as continue to provide in the field
22 protection to those in need; and

23 **WHEREAS**, our county leaders worked endless hours, both overseeing and directing
24 our public employees during the fight, to making daily public conferences providing
25 their residents with timely safety information and providing a sense of calm to the
26 public; and

27 **WHEREAS**, all county employees that did not directly fight COVID-19 pandemic still
28 stepped up and helped the fight by continuing to provide non-COVID related public
29 services that our residents rely on and make our society function, including but not
30 limited to-social services, Medicaid, mental health, public health and safety, judiciary
31 (both criminal and civil), DMV, election workers, and veteran services.

1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, NYSAC calls out a special thank you to all
2 our county employees who selflessly put the public needs first, saved lives and proved
3 just how valuable public service can be; and

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

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