

1 **2021 NYSAC Legislative Conference**
2 **NYSAC Board of Directors**
3 **Resolution #2**

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5 **Recognizing the Observance of the Month of March as Women’s History**
6 **Month**

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8 **WHEREAS**, March is Women’s History Month, as declared by both the State of New
9 York and by the Congress of the United States; and

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11 **WHEREAS**, Women’s History Month is a time to recognize not only the historical
12 contributions of women in our society but to also recognize and elevate the
13 contributions women are making every day in our communities; and

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15 **WHEREAS**, the global coronavirus pandemic upended almost every aspect of our
16 society, and women often bore the heaviest burdens both professionally and in their
17 family life; and

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19 **WHEREAS**, one in three jobs held by women has been designated essential; and

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21 **WHEREAS**, according to a New York Times analysis of census data crossed with the
22 federal government’s essential worker guidelines, more than two-thirds of the workers
23 at grocery store checkouts and fast-food counters are women; and

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25 **WHEREAS**, women make up nearly nine out of 10 nurses and nursing assistants, a
26 majority of respiratory therapists and pharmacists, and an overwhelming majority of
27 pharmacy aides and technicians; and

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29 **WHEREAS**, these essential workers put their own lives at risk during the height of the
30 pandemic to ensure access to food, medicine and countless other necessities of life that
31 helped carry us through the darkest days of the pandemic; and

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33 **WHEREAS**, millions of female essential workers accomplished this despite the
34 additional family pressures associated with motherhood, including caring for and
35 educating children who were required to stay home as schools and day cares closed; and

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37 **WHEREAS**, sixty percent of Local Health Departments (LHDs) in New York are led by
38 women; and

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40 **WHEREAS**, public health officials were the leaders of the local health response to
41 COVID-19 and worked around the clock for the last year to provide the public with
42 reliable information about the virus, administer mass testing and tracing operations,
43 and manage the distribution of vaccines to vulnerable populations; and
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1 **WHEREAS**, they did this work at great personal sacrifice, enduring immense personal
2 and professional stress as the public face of necessary, but often unpopular social
3 distancing measures; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, their courage, dedication, and leadership undoubtedly saved countless
6 lives and helped place New York State on a trajectory to recovery.
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8 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the New York State Association of
9 Counties resolves to observe the month of March as “Women’s History Month” and to
10 hereby honor the contributions of women, past and present, to our state.
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