

1 **2021 NYSAC Fall Seminar**
2 **Standing Committee on Public Health/Mental Health**
3 **Resolution #1**

4 **Resolution for Expanding Vaccination Access, Development of a Record**
5 **Keeping Requirement, and Expanding the Role of Pharmacists in**
6 **Vaccination Administration for New Yorkers**

7 **WHEREAS**, local health departments are New York State’s partners and operational
8 extensions, working in the forefront of communities, addressing public health issues
9 and protecting communities and residents from all public health crises, including
10 COVID-19; and

11 **WHEREAS**, New York State (NYS) does not require the reporting of all adult
12 immunizations administered without consent of the person receiving the vaccine in New
13 York State Immunization Information System or Citywide Immunization Registry; and

14 **WHEREAS**, it is challenging to adequately strategize around adult vaccination coverage
15 and reduce disease burden because of a lack of complete vaccination records for adults;
16 and

17 **WHEREAS**, enabling decision support and facilitating targeted outreach to
18 neighborhoods and groups that have low uptake would help ensure equitable access
19 throughout NYS; and

20 **WHEREAS**, NYS has some of the most restrictive pharmacist vaccination laws in the
21 country; and

22 **WHEREAS**, allowing pharmacists to administer all ACIP-recommended vaccines
23 would improve vaccine coverage in the city and the state for critical vaccines such as
24 COVID-19, hepatitis A, mumps, meningitis, pertussis, and measles; and

25 **WHEREAS**, pharmacists are convenient and trusted community providers who can
26 improve vaccine access, particularly for underserved populations who do not have a
27 primary care provider;

28 **WHEREAS**, the role of pharmacists should not replace recommended primary care
29 provider visits.

30 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the New York State Association of
31 Counties (NYSAC) calls on the Governor and State Legislature to pass legislation that
32 would:

- 33 1. amend NYS Public Health Law (PBH) § 2168 to require health care providers,
34 registered professional nurses, and pharmacists to report to the NYS Department
35 of Health, or, for health care providers located in New York City, NYC
36 Department of Health, all adult immunizations administered without consent of
37 the person receiving the vaccine; and

1 2. Expand pharmacist authority to permanently allow pharmacists to administer all
2 immunizations recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and
3 Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) to adults 18
4 years of age and older.

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

7 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that NYSAC shall forward copies of this resolution to
8 Governor Kathy Hochul, the New York State Legislature, and all others deemed
9 necessary and proper.