

1 **2022 NYSAC Legislative Conference**  
2 **NYSAC Board of Directors**  
3 **Resolution #1**

4 **Resolution in Support of Efforts to Expand Veterans Services and Increase**  
5 **the Coordination and Information between the Federal, State,**  
6 **and Local Veterans Agencies**

7 **WHEREAS**, county officials, many of whom have served in the military, have great  
8 respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for all of the men and women who have  
9 selflessly served their country and this community in the Armed Forces; and

10 **WHEREAS**, counties support our military veterans in a variety of ways, including  
11 through county veteran affairs offices throughout the state that provide direct services to  
12 those that have sacrificed so much; and

13 **WHEREAS**, there are an array of supportive services and programs for veterans  
14 provided by the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD), U.S. Department of Veterans  
15 Affairs (VA), the State Division of Military Affairs, and County Veteran Service Agencies;  
16 and

17 **WHEREAS**, despite the multiple layers of services, there is a lack of coordination and  
18 information-sharing between these intergovernmental partners, which inhibits the  
19 outreach by County Veteran Service Officers (CVSOs) to new veterans, exacerbating the  
20 challenges associated with the transition to civilian life.

21 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the New York State Association of  
22 Counties (NYSAC) applauds Governor Kathy Hochul for her budget proposals to expand  
23 the veterans' tax credit, increase funding for county veterans service agencies, and  
24 expand the Joseph P. Dwyer peer support and counseling program; and

25 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, NYSAC calls on the U.S. DOD and U.S. VA to  
26 increase coordination and information at the federal level and with their state and local  
27 partners to more effectively connect transitioning service members with state and  
28 county veterans' affairs agencies prior to their departure from active duty; and

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

31 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that NYSAC shall forward copies of this resolution to  
32 President Joe Biden, Jr., Governor Kathy Hochul, the New York State Legislature, New  
33 York State Congressional Delegation and all others deemed necessary and proper.