

1 **2020 NYSAC Legislative Conference**  
2 **Standing Committee on Economic Development, Environment & Energy**  
3 **Resolution #1**

4 **Resolution in Support of S.5655 (Metzger)/A.7561-A (Woerner) to Increase**  
5 **the Rebate for the Purchase of Electric Vehicles**

6 **WHEREAS**, the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC)'s Zero  
7 Emission Vehicle (ZEV) rebate program is designed to assist and incentivize  
8 municipalities with the purchase of electric vehicles or hybrid vehicles; and

9 **WHEREAS**, many counties are interested in purchasing ZEVs to save taxpayers  
10 money, reduce their carbon footprint, and cut down on greenhouse gas emissions; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the current rebate structure does not allow enough flexibility and financial  
12 incentive to encourage counties to switch their fleets from gas-powered vehicles to  
13 eligible vehicles; and

14 **WHEREAS**, municipalities are currently ineligible for federal tax incentives for the  
15 purchase of zero-emission or hybrid vehicles; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 5655/Assembly Bill 7561A, introduced by Senator Jen Metzger  
17 and Assemblymember Carrie Woerner, would increase the municipal rebate for zero-  
18 emission vehicles from a minimum of \$750 to \$1,500 and a maximum rebate from  
19 \$5,000 to \$7,500; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the rebate program is already funded as part of the Environmental  
21 Protection Fund (EPF) and this legislation will help to make ZEVs more affordable  
22 for counties and municipalities without changing the current allocation; and

23 **WHEREAS**, converting fleets to electric vehicles supports New York State's  
24 greenhouse gas emission (GHG) reduction goals under the Climate Leadership and  
25 Community Protection Act (CLCPA); and

26 **WHEREAS**, increasing the rebate will also help counties to achieve Climate Smart  
27 Community designation through the NYSDEC and Clean Energy Community status  
28 through the NYS Energy, Research, and Development Authority (NYSERDA).

29 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the New York State Association of  
30 Counties calls on the Legislature to pass and the Governor to sign S.5655  
31 (Metzger)/A.7561-A (Woerner) to increase the rebate for the purchase of electric  
32 vehicles; and

33 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution shall be sent to member  
34 counties for their consideration; and

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