

1 **2020 NYSAC Legislative Conference**
2 **NYSAC Standing Committee on Children with Special Needs**
3 **Resolution #1**

4 **Resolution Requesting the State Legislature to Change the Title of Chapter**
5 **23 of the Laws of 1989 from the Preschool Program for Children with**
6 **Handicapping Conditions to the Preschool Program for Children with**
7 **Disabilities**

8 **WHEREAS**, Chapter 23 of the Laws of 1989, titled “Preschool Program for Children
9 with Handicapping Conditions” does not appropriately address this population within
10 New York State; and

11 **WHEREAS**, a more suitable name for this program should remove the word
12 handicapping and replace it with “disabilities.”

13 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the New York State Association of
14 Counties (NYSAC) calls on the Governor and the State of New York to amend the title of
15 this statute from “the Preschool Program for Children with Handicapping Conditions”
16 to “the Preschool Program for Children with Disabilities;” and

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

19 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the New York State Association of Counties shall
20 forward copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, the New York State
21 Legislature and all others deemed necessary.