

1 **2022 NYSAC Fall Seminar**
2 **Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs**
3 **Resolution #1**

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5 **Resolution Allowing for County Workers Compensation Pools to Join a**
6 **Public Group Self-Funded Deductible Program That Can Help Lower Costs**
7 **and Manage Existing Claims**

8 **WHEREAS**, currently, many local jurisdictions completely self-insure their workers
9 compensation liability as allowed under Workers' Compensation Law; and

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11 **WHEREAS**, several counties operate workers compensation pools that provide
12 workers compensation insurance to all or many of the jurisdictions within the county;
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15 **WHEREAS**, many of these pools or self-insured plans are under reserved or funded on
16 a "pay as you go" basis, making it fiscally impossible to climb out of that position and
17 move into a fully insured program; and

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19 **WHEREAS**, there are successful solutions that have been tried and tested in other
20 states that apply fiscally prudent solutions to the challenges faced by county workers
21 compensation pools and some self-funded plans.

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23 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the New York State Association of
24 Counties (NYSAC) hereby calls on the state to allow county workers compensation pools
25 to join a public group self-funded deductible program that can help lower costs and
26 manage existing claims; and

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28 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, this policy would allow local governments to take
29 advantage of economies of scale to purchase excess coverage and to select a deductible
30 limit that is within their budget parameters; and

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32 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, this policy also makes the participating jurisdiction
33 more accountable for worker safety and to take an active role in implementing a
34 proactive risk management program; and

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

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39 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that NYSAC shall forward copies of this resolution to
40 the Governor of the State of New York, the New York State Legislature, and all others
41 deemed necessary and proper.