

1 **2020 NYSAC Legislative Conference**
2 **Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs**
3 **Resolution #2**

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5 **Resolution Applauding Efforts to Allocate State Resources and Funding to**
6 **Counties for Promoting a Full 2020 Census Count**

7 **WHEREAS**, the U.S. Census Bureau is preparing for the 2020 decennial census; and

8 **WHEREAS**, decennial census counts help the federal government distribute more than
9 \$400 billion in funds annually for infrastructure, programs and services; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the decennial census helps communities plan for future needs and deal
11 with population-based programs; and

12 **WHEREAS**, decennial population counts also affect state and federal congressional
13 representation and redistricting; and

14 **WHEREAS**, New York State and county governments are committed to ensuring that
15 every resident in the state is counted in the 2020 Census; and

16 **WHEREAS**, in December 2019, New York State announced that it will distribute up to
17 \$15 million of the \$20 million census count allocation from last year's budget to
18 counties and the four largest cities; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the funding formula was based on several factors, including population,
20 broadband access, proximity to a public library, as well as others; and

21 **WHEREAS**, this was a voluntary program and counties that wish to participate need to
22 submit a full proposed plan of action including community agency partners.

23 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the New York State Association of
24 Counties (NYSAC) commends the Governor for providing counties with a fiscal
25 incentive to promote a complete 2020 census count in New York State; and

26 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that NYSAC urges the Division of Budget to allocate
27 these funds as soon as possible so counties can successfully implement their census
28 count plans; 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**, the New York State Association of Counties shall
32 forward copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, the New York State
33 Legislature and all others deemed necessary.