2022 NYSAC Fall Seminar Standing Committee on Public Safety Resolution #5

> Resolution Urging the State to Provide Counties with Funding to Administer Requirements of New Extreme Risk Order of Protection Law

WHEREAS, on June 6, 2022, Governor Hochul signed Chapter 208 of the Laws of 2022, which requires district attorneys and their assistants and all police officers to file for an Extreme Risk Order of Protection when presented with credible facts that would indicate that there is probable cause to believe that an individual is likely to engage in conduct that will result in serious harm to themself or others; and

**WHEREAS**, the circumstances that trigger this obligation are all too common and are encountered on a nearly daily basis by police officers going about their routine course of business; and

**WHEREAS**, applying for such an order and seeing the subsequent proceeding through to its successful conclusion is a time-consuming endeavor that many times requires legal expertise; and

**WHEREAS**, sheriffs, district attorneys, county attorneys, and county clerks do not have staff and resources necessary to comply with this mandate as the State Legislature intended; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to staffing constraints, during the execution of these risk orders of protection, there is often a need for significant safe keeping storage with a physical structure for these weapons.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) calls on the State of New York to provide funding to support these new responsibilities that fall entirely on county governments because storage of these weapons has the potential to exceed the current timeframe for maintenance and preservation; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, if it is truly the desire of the State to have these orders be used to prevent future gun violence, then it must provide mandatory petitioners with the support to do so; and

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

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