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Rossana Rosado
Commissioner
NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services

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DCJS Commissioner

Dear Commissioner Rosado:

Enclosed please find the following resolution adopted by county delegates at the New York State Association of Counties 2023 Fall Seminar.

- **Resolution in Support of Efforts to Improve Probation and Alternatives to Incarceration in New York State in Order to Protect the Public and Reduce Reliance on Prisons, Jails and Detention**

After careful consideration, counties present a wide range of resolutions with the goal of enhancing intergovernmental relations, optimizing the government's funding and service delivery efficiency, as well as safeguarding the well-being of our constituents. You can find these resolutions on NYSAC's website by visiting www.nysac.org/resolutions.

While we continue in our advocacy and service to county governments, NYSAC appreciates your support in nurturing our state-county partnership as we work to turn these concepts into reality. If you have any questions or need additional information, please call Ryan Gregoire at our NYSAC offices at (518)465-1473.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Daniel McCoy
NYSAC President

Committed to counties since 1925

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1 **2023 NYSAC Fall Seminar**
2 **Standing Committee on Public Safety**
3 **Resolution #3**
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5 **Resolution in Support of Efforts to Improve Probation and Alternatives to**
6 **Incarceration in New York State in Order to Protect the Public and Reduce**
7 **Reliance on Prisons, Jails and Detention**

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9 **WHEREAS**, county probation departments are an integral part of the criminal justice
10 system and operate within the legal framework of the Criminal Procedure Law, the
11 Penal Law and the Family Court Act; and

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13 **WHEREAS**, it is the mission of Probation to protect the community through
14 intervention in the lives of those under supervision by facilitating compliance with court
15 orders and serving as a catalyst for positive change; and

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17 **WHEREAS**, State funding for Probation was drastically reduced between 1990 and
18 2015 from a 46.5 percent State share in 1990 to less than 10 percent in 2023, putting a
19 huge strain on counties and cost to county property taxpayers; and

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21 **WHEREAS**, at the same time there have been increases in the number of mandated
22 programs and services county probation departments are required to provide from the
23 1990's where core services of Intake, Pre-Sentence/Pre-Dispositional Investigations and
24 Supervision were the norm to the current enhanced services that are provided by local
25 probation departments including but not limited to the following:

- 26 • Specialized caseloads to handle specific types of individuals such as sex offenders,
27 DWI, mental health, domestic violence, and gang members;
- 28 • Probation department's involvement with specialized treatment courts (drug,
29 domestic violence, mental health, veterans);
- 30 • Community service programming;
- 31 • School-based probation officers;
- 32 • Warrant squads for apprehension and return of offenders;
- 33 • DNA collection;
- 34 • Ignition interlock device monitoring;
- 35 • Expanded pretrial release programs to deal with the increased RUS cases
36 resulting from bail reform;
- 37 • Expanded electronic monitoring to deal with both bail reform and lack of
38 detention beds caused by increased juvenile crime;
- 39 • Increased probation officer time to search for specialized detention beds
40 occurring from RTA;
- 41 • Increased administrative tasks that probation staff are now responsible for
42 including populating case management system and various risk assessments;
- 43 • Increased responsibilities for collections and disbursement of funds in
44 connection to financial obligations including restitution, fines and fees;
- 45 • Sex offender verification;

1 specialized secure detention beds as well as allowing county consortiums to open
2 specialized secure detention facilities if desired.

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4 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution be sent to the counties
5 of New York State encouraging member counties to enact similar resolutions; and
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7 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that NYSAC shall forward copies of this Resolution to
8 Governor Kathy Hochul, Deputy Secretary for Public Safety Marcos Gonzalez Soler, the
9 New York State Legislature and all others deemed necessary and proper.