

RESOLUTION NO. -2025

WHEREAS, in 1925, a handful of county leaders came together because they knew they could learn from each other and that their voices would be stronger together in Albany and Washington if they could tell a collective story; and

WHEREAS, they volunteered their time to create the first county-focused educational seminar, and together they advocated for their growing local needs to state leaders in the Capitol; and

WHEREAS, this small but growing group of county officials formalized their relationship, calling themselves the New York State County Officers Association, giving rise to what would later become the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC); and

WHEREAS, these initiatives laid the groundwork for what would become NYSAC's legacy and mission of fostering excellence in county government and uniting the voice of New York's counties; and

WHEREAS, for 100 years, NYSAC has been committed to fulfilling its mission to represent, educate, advocate for and serve all 57 Counties of New York State and the five boroughs of New York City; and

WHEREAS, NYSAC's guiding principle is that when counties unite as one voice, extraordinary results can be achieved for communities; and

WHEREAS, NYSAC has consistently worked to enhance the effectiveness of county governments through robust advocacy, comprehensive education, and meticulous research, all aimed at addressing the unique challenges faced by county officials and their constituents; and

WHEREAS, over the past century, NYSAC has played an instrumental role in promoting the interests of county governments at the state and federal levels, ensuring that the voices of local governments are heard and their needs addressed; and

WHEREAS, NYSAC has provided invaluable resources and training to county officials, empowering them with the knowledge and tools necessary to deliver efficient and effective services to the residents of New York State; and

WHEREAS, through its commitment to research, NYSAC has fostered innovative solutions and best practices that have strengthened county operations and improved the quality of life for millions of New Yorkers; and

WHEREAS, NYSAC has built a legacy of collaboration and partnership among county governments, fostering a spirit of unity and mutual support that has been crucial to addressing common challenges and advancing shared goals; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin Boykin II, Westchester County Legislator and former Chairman of the Board of Legislators, is serving as President of NYSAC during the historic centennial anniversary; and

WHEREAS, the centennial anniversary of NYSAC is a momentous occasion to celebrate the association's enduring dedication to public service and its profound impact on the governance and well-being of New York State's counties; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Legislators of the County of Westchester hereby proclaims the year 2025 as the Centennial Year of the New York State Association of Counties, and extends heartfelt congratulations and gratitude to NYSAC for 100 years of exemplary service and leadership.

Dated: February 10, 2025
White Plains, NY