

# Inter-County Association of Western New York

*Representing the Counties of Allegany, Cattaraugus, Cayuga, Chautauqua, Chemung, Erie, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Niagara, Ontario, Orleans, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Tompkins, Wayne, Wyoming, and Yates*

## RESOLUTION NO. 2023-21-IC

### A RESOLUTION OPPOSING NEW YORK STATE SENATE BILL S06282 WHICH WOULD REPEAL SECTION 257-C OF THE EXECUTIVE LAW, EFFECTIVELY ELIMINATING ALL PROBATION ADMINISTRATIVE SUPERVISION FEES IN NEW YORK STATE – PROBATION DEPARTMENT

**Sponsored By:** Schuyler County

**Moved By:** Mark Rondinaro (Schuyler)

**Seconded By:** James Howell (Schuyler)

**WHEREAS**, County Probation Departments are an integral part of the Criminal Justice System and operate within the legal framework of the Criminal Procedure Law, the Penal Law and the Family Court Act, and

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

**WHEREAS**, state funding for probation was drastically reduced between 1990 and 2015 from a 46.5 percent State share in 1990 to less than 10 percent in 2022, putting a huge strain on counties and increasing costs to county property taxpayers, and

**WHEREAS**, during the same time there have been increases in the number of mandated programs, services, drug screening demands and increased training requirements that county probation departments are required to provide, and


**WHEREAS**, to offset some of those increased services and program costs, and to help reduce the burden on local taxpayers to support those state required mandates, Western New York Counties Probation relies on Probation Administrative Supervision Fees, and

**WHEREAS**, Luis R. Sepúlveda, (D) 32nd Senate District, has introduced Bill Number S6282, “An act to repeal section 257-C of the executive law, relating to probation administrative fees; to amend the executive law, in relation to prohibiting certain fees associated with probation; and to amend the correction law and the executive law, in relation to termination and discharge of certain sentences,” to eliminate the fees that individuals on parole and probation are required to pay once a month.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Inter-County Association of Western New York opposes the passage of New York State Senate Bill S06282 which would repeal section 257-C of the Executive Law that allows such fees to be levied and collected, and therefore effectively eliminate all probation administrative supervision fees within New York State; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary to Inter-County Association of Western New York shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul, the County’s representatives in the State Legislature, the Inter-County Association of Western New York, the New York State Association of Counties, and all others deemed necessary and proper.

This is to Certify that I, the undersigned, Secretary of the Inter-County Association of Western New York, have compared the foregoing copy of resolution with the original resolution now on file in this office and which was duly adopted by the Association at a session held on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 2023 and that the same is a true copy of said original and of the whole thereof. In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the official seal of the Inter-County Association of Western New York dated June 23, 2023.

  
Lisa K. Casey, Secretary  
Inter-County Association of Western New York



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