

# Inter-County Association of Western New York

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## RESOLUTION NO. IC-004-24

### **URGING GOVERNOR HOCHUL AND THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE TO INCREASE FUNDING TO COMMUNITY COLLEGES IN THE 2025 NEW YORK STATE BUDGET.**

**WHEREAS**, State University of New York (SUNY) community colleges serve the largest percentage of low-income, historically marginalized populations, and working adults of all SUNY sectors, and

**WHEREAS**, the State's direct tax support for SUNY's community colleges is lower than it was a decade ago, has not increased in three years, and has fallen behind the New York State counties' direct tax support to community colleges by \$97 million, and

**WHEREAS**, the community college sector Trustees and Presidents have advocated for New York State to meet its obligation to equally share its support of the community colleges with the counties, and

**WHEREAS**, the 30 community colleges in New York State ensure open access to high-quality, post-secondary education and contribute significantly to the development of an educated citizenry and skilled workforce, and

**WHEREAS**, increasing base operating aid by \$97 million will bring the State's share of direct state tax support for operating aid equal to that of New York State counties and support the training of a skilled workforce in the Empire State.

### **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, the Inter-County Association of Western New York, representing 2.9 million citizens in the State of New York, urges the New York State Legislature to advocate on behalf of the 30 community colleges in New York State by ensuring the State meets its fiduciary obligation to equally share its financial support of the community colleges with the counties by adding an additional \$97 million in operating base aid in the proposed 2025 State Budget; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to Honorable Kathy Hochul, New York State Governor; all members of the New York State Senate; all members of the New York State Assembly and the New York State Association of Counties.

