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RESOLUTION NO. 007-25

MEMORIALIZING NEW YORK STATE IN SUPPORT OF SAFE WORKING CONDITIONS FOR CORRECTIONS OFFICERS.

WHEREAS, Corrections Officers throughout New York State and the nation serve our communities performing difficult work, at times, in dangerous conditions; and

WHEREAS, due to numerous legislative and regulatory actions of New York State, the work conditions within state correctional facilities have deteriorated in recent years; and

WHEREAS, records indicate that assaults on staff in correctional facilities have reached all time highs, with over 1,700 assaults reported in 2023, more than double the amount from a decade prior; and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon New York State government to enact the necessary reforms to ensure the safety of these facilities, both for the dedicated staff and those incarcerated; however, these calls to reform have largely been ignored; and

WHEREAS, these factors have led to historic strikes from corrections officers witnessed across the state, highlighting the need for decisive action on the part of state leaders.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Inter-County Association of Western New York, representing 2.9 million citizens in the State of New York, stands by and supports corrections officers, and their right to have a workplace with proper and necessary safe working conditions; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Inter-County Association of New York calls upon the Governor, State Legislature, and the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (NYSDOCCS) to immediately implement reforms that provide safe working conditions for the brave men and women who work in correctional facilities; and be it further

RESOLVED, such reforms should include examination of the HALT Act, reasonable shift and overtime policies, appropriate staffing levels, and competitive pay and benefits; and be it further

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

STATE OF NEW YORK)

ss.:

COUNTY OF STEUBEN)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution duly adopted by the Inter-County Association of Western New York while in session in Genesee County on the 21st day of March 2025.

Dated: April 2, 2025
Bath, New York



Amanda L. Chapman, Secretary
Inter-County Association of Western New York