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PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIALS' STATEMENT ON GOVERNOR HOCHUL'S STATE OF THE STATE MESSAGE

By Sarah Ravenhall, NYSACHO Executive Director

(Albany, New York) “The public health initiatives included in Governor Hochul’s State of the State message collectively represent a bold agenda that mirrors many of the priorities shared by local public health leaders. Within the Governor’s accompanying State of the State book entitled “Achieving the Dream,” she makes clear her commitment to critical issues such as social determinants of health, which includes economic stability, environment, housing, education, and access to health care and public health services.

“The Governor also proposes to address long standing and underfunded public health priorities including child lead poisoning prevention, tobacco control, opioid addiction prevention, water quality, preparing for future emergencies and epidemics, and improving the public sector workforce. We look forward to reviewing the details of these proposals and will work to ensure there is adequate funding allocated to ensure local implementation is feasible.

“As always, the leadership and staff of New York State’s 58 local health departments stand ready to make every effort to protect our communities. We need only the support of state policy and investment to succeed. NYSACHO looks forward to working with Governor Hochul and the Legislature to help secure these public health victories.”

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