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STATEMENT ON GOVERNOR HOCHUL'S STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS

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Governor's Hochul's State of the State address sent a clear message that proven public health strategies and the science of public health continue to be embraced in New York State. We are grateful to the Governor for her leadership in prioritizing public health.

The Governor's plan contains numerous critical public health elements, including strengthening illegal vape enforcement, numerous safe drinking water proposals, bolstering emergency preparedness at children's summer camps, protecting evidence-based access to immunizations, and lead poisoning prevention actions, among others. Governor Hochul also continues to move forward a strong agenda aimed at improving the conditions in which people live, work, learn and play. Her broader initiatives around access to childcare, education and affordable housing, all have the potential for profound impact on both individual and community health. Both the public health and broader priorities naturally require investment, so we are hopeful that the forthcoming Executive Budget will contain the support necessary to be successful.

New York's Local Health Departments (LHDs) possess enormous expertise that is critical to pursuing the Governor's goals. NYSACHO is proud to represent our LHDs, and along with them, we are eager to partner more closely with the State to better protect our communities from the innumerable public health threats that are present today.

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