

## **SPECIAL EDUCATION MANDATE RELIEF RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, there are 204 New York State special education mandates that exceed federal law; and

WHEREAS, these mandates are only partially funded by the federal and state governments and therefore direct disproportionate levels of local school district resources away from the general education program; and

WHEREAS, many if not all of these excess state mandates could be eliminated without negatively impacting school district responsibility to provide an appropriate continuum of supports and services for students with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the class size mandates deny school districts the flexibility necessary to make efficient and effective use of personnel in accordance with the individual needs of students with disabilities; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the State Mandate Relief Council request the Governor to direct the State Education Department to eliminate state regulations mandating class sizes for students with disabilities and resource rooms.