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## **STATEMENT ON GOVERNOR HOCHUL’S 2022-23 EXECUTIVE BUDGET PROPOSAL**

**By Sarah Ravenhall, NYSACHO Executive Director**

“Governor Hochul’s 2022-23 Executive Budget proposal is welcome news for New York’s local health departments (LHDs). We are particularly grateful that the Governor has responded to our call for investment in Article 6 funding—which supports many of the core services provided by LHDs—by proposing a total of \$77.1 million for these services and related fringe costs.

“We will be working with the Assembly and Senate over the next several weeks to ensure that the Governor’s Article 6 proposal is included in the final budget agreement. Over the same time, we will be working with all policy makers to remain focused on other critical public health threats that demand our attention and investment. In particular, behind the pandemic headlines of the last two years our communities continue to be adversely impacted by high blood lead levels in children, obesity, cancer, heart disease, diabetes, and threats to our public water supplies. Therefore, we will continue to advocate for additional public health resources so every New Yorker has an opportunity to achieve the best possible health.

“We look forward to working with the Governor, the Division of Budget and the Legislature to ensure LHDs have the resources they need to protect the health of our communities from all of these threats, and to be prepared for new threats that undoubtedly will emerge in the future.”

NOTE: NYSACHO’s budget priorities can be found in the “PREPARE Act” at [https://www.nysacho.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/PREPARE-Act-Canva\\_12.22.21.pdf](https://www.nysacho.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/PREPARE-Act-Canva_12.22.21.pdf).

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