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**RESOLUTION #1
COUNTERING BUDGET CUTS IN SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION K-12**

Endorsed by the Association of Teachers of Social Studies / United Federation of Teachers – New York City, New York (ATSS/UFT-NYC), the New York State Council for the Social Studies (NYSCSS) and the Middle States Council for the Social Studies (MSCSS)

RATIONALE:

State and local government education budget cuts often result in reduced time spent on social studies education instruction, and its status as an essential subject.

WHEREAS, social studies education encompasses essential skills and knowledges for developing effective citizenship, wise consumerism and economic literacy, global awareness, and critical thinking,

WHEREAS, electronic circulation continues to increase the amounts of information and data students must process and understand,

WHEREAS, Federal, State and Local governments have frequently reduced funding for social studies education,

WHEREAS, the National Common Core Standards emphasis on math and literacy continues to neglect important social studies concepts, skills and understandings,

WHEREAS, social studies education is the key to a better communication between peoples and effective citizenship,

WHEREAS. NCSS is the national leader/advocate of social studies education

BE IT RESOLVED that NCSS prepare and communicate materials and strategies for use by NCSS affiliated state and local councils:

- **to advocate for maintaining or increasing funding social studies education, and to and**
- **to advocate against any diminishment of the role of social studies in the school curricula, and**
- **to support increased parental and local community involvement in sustaining these efforts**