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Introduced by Legislator Alden

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**RESOLUTION NO. -2009, DIRECTING TOWN TAX
RECEIVERS TO INCLUDE A STATEMENT ON INTEREST AND
PENALTY CALCULATIONS ON TAX BILLS**

WHEREAS, Suffolk County has a history of requiring specific information to be displayed on real property tax bills in order to provide County residents with a clear, accurate assessment and distribution of their property taxes; and

WHEREAS, all ten (10) towns in Suffolk County have availed themselves of a provision in Section 13(c) of the SUFFOLK COUNTY TAX ACT which allows towns to establish a system whereby residents are allowed to pay their tax bill in two payments, with the first payment due in January and the second payment due in May; and

WHEREAS, many County residents are unaware that, if they take advantage of the two payment system and the second payment on their tax bill is late, they will be charged interest and penalties on the unpaid portion of their taxes dating back to February of that year; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that this information be communicated with County residents so that they are aware of the serious financial consequences of failing to remit their second half of their property taxes on time; and

WHEREAS, Suffolk County seeks to ensure that its real property tax laws and procedures are fully disclosed to County residents in the interest of transparency; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that, commencing with the tax bill for the tax year 2010-2011, and then in all tax years thereafter, the Receiver of Taxes of the ten (10) Towns of Suffolk County are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to include with each real property tax bill the statement, "Please be advised that any unpaid tax payment due on May 31st shall be assessed interest and penalties calculated with a starting date of February 1st" or language that is substantially similar to this statement; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that this Legislature, being the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) lead agency, hereby finds and determines that this resolution constitutes a Type II action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(20), (21) and (27) of Title 6 of the NEW YORK CODE OF RULES AND REGULATIONS (6 NYCRR) and within the meaning of Section 8-0109(2) of the NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW as a promulgation of regulations, rules, policies, procedures, and legislative decisions in connection with continuing agency administration, management and information collection, and the Suffolk County Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) is hereby directed to circulate any appropriate SEQRA notices of determination of non-applicability or non-significance in accordance with this resolution.

DATED:

APPROVED BY:

County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: