

Introduced by Presiding Officer Lindsay and Legislators Romaine, Browning, Nowick, Horsley, Gregory

RESOLUTION NO. 160 -2010, DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TO PERFORM A FEASIBILITY STUDY IN RELATION TO THE CREATION OF A PHONE APPLICATION FOR FINDING AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS IN SUFFOLK COUNTY

WHEREAS, technology has increased the accessibility of information, allowing people to obtain information on the Internet quickly using “smart” cellular phones (“smart phones”) like Blackberries and iPhones; and

WHEREAS, in addition to accessing the Internet, smart phones can also run software applications that perform a wide variety of tasks, from knowing dates and times to finding restaurants close to an entered location; and

WHEREAS, applications can also be developed that provide critical information to people when they most need it; and

WHEREAS, automated external defibrillators (“AEDs”) are simple to use, life-saving devices that treat cardiac arrhythmias; and

WHEREAS, the Suffolk County Department of Health Services maintains a database listing the locations of all AEDs in the County; and

WHEREAS, Suffolk County should consider developing an application that would allow individuals to find the location of the closest AED; and

WHEREAS, if this application was created, an individual who had the application on their phone would be able to locate the nearest AED in the event of an emergency; and

WHEREAS, creating an application that provides users with the locations of AEDs in Suffolk County has the potential to save the lives of individuals in cardiac crisis; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, the Director of the Suffolk County Department of Information Technology, in conjunction with the Department of Health Services, is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to conduct a study to determine the feasibility and practicality of developing an application for smart phones that will provide the user with the location of the AED device closest to them; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that the study shall evaluate the benefits, costs and practical implications of developing and releasing such an application to the general population; and be it further

3rd RESOLVED, that the Director shall complete this study and present a written report on its findings and recommendations to the County Executive and each member of the County Legislature no later than one hundred twenty (120) days subsequent to the effective date of this resolution; and be it further

4th **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: March 2, 2010

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steve Levy
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: March 12, 2010