

**RESOLUTION NO. 242 -2010, REQUIRING HOMELESS SEX OFFENDERS TO WEAR GPS TRACKING DEVICES**

**WHEREAS**, sex offenders in New York State are required under the Sex Offender Registration Act (“SORA”) to provide their permanent residence address to the State Division of Criminal Justice Services; and

**WHEREAS**, homeless registered sex offenders are more difficult for the State and County to track, as they have no permanent address on file; and

**WHEREAS**, Suffolk County houses homeless sex offenders in trailers on the campus of the County Jail in Riverhead; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Executive has announced plans to discontinue the use of the trailers and move to a system whereby the Department of Social Services will provide homeless sex offenders with ninety dollars (\$90.00) per night to secure their own overnight accommodations; and

**WHEREAS**, by discontinuing the use of the trailers, homeless sex offenders will be housed in sites across the County with no oversight, supervision or security; and

**WHEREAS**, GPS tracking devices provide detailed information about a person’s location and are currently being used by law enforcement agencies across the country to track certain individuals on parole or probation to ensure they are meeting the conditions of their release; and

**WHEREAS**, since homeless sex offenders in Suffolk County will be scattered throughout the community under the County Executive’s new policy, requiring homeless sex offenders to wear GPS tracking devices would supplement the residence information provided to the State under SORA and allow for more effective tracking of these individuals; now, therefore be it

**1st RESOLVED**, that all homeless registered sex offenders residing in Suffolk County who receive assistance from the Department of Social Services to obtain temporary emergency housing shall be provided with, and must wear, a GPS tracking device for the duration of their stay in emergency housing; and be it further

**2nd RESOLVED**, the Department of Social Services shall provide homeless registered sex offenders with the GPS tracking device required pursuant to this resolution; and be it further

**3rd 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 23, 2010

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steve Levy  
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: March 29, 2010