

RESOLUTION NO. 531 -2010, CREATING A “SHARE THE ROAD” SIGNAGE PROGRAM IN SUFFOLK COUNTY

WHEREAS, motorcycle crash-related fatalities have been increasing since 1997, while injuries have been increasing since 1999; and

WHEREAS, motorcycles have the same rights and privileges as any vehicle on the roadway; and

WHEREAS, approximately one-half of all motorcycle crashes involve another motor vehicle; nearly 40% are caused by the other vehicle turning left in front of the motorcyclist; and

WHEREAS, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has issued documentation to all Governor’s Highway Safety Representatives, State Motorcycle Safety Administrators, and Motor Vehicle Administrators to develop and provide model language for use in traffic safety education courses, driver’s manuals, and other driver’s training materials instructing the drivers of motor vehicles on the importance of sharing the road safely with motorcyclists; and

WHEREAS, in order to participate in this worthwhile effort, the County of Suffolk shall work to identify those areas within the County that are heavily traveled by motorcyclists and create a “Share the Road” program which shall include signage to alert motorists to be more aware of motorcycles; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of the Suffolk County Department of Public Works (“Department”) is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to work with the New York State Department of Transportation (“NYSDOT”), and the various towns and villages through the Suffolk County Traffic Safety Board (“Traffic Safety Board”), to develop a “Share the Road” with motorcycles programs; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that the Traffic Safety Board shall coordinate the NYSDOT, the Department, and the various towns and villages to develop an acceptable prototype of a standard “Share the Road” sign; and be it further

3rd RESOLVED, that the Department shall coordinate the research of available crash data involving motorcycles with NYSDOT to identify high motorcycle accident locations; and be it further

4th RESOLVED, that the Traffic Safety Board shall furnish the accumulated motorcycle crash data and adopted “Share the Road” sign design to NYSDOT, the Department, the various towns and villages. These municipalities shall furnish and install these signs within their jurisdictions, as appropriate; and be it further

5th 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: June 10, 2010

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steve Levy
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: June 18, 2010