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Introduced by Legislators Schneiderman and Romaine

**RESOLUTION NO. -2010, DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT
OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO CLOSE THE SEX OFFENDER
TRAILERS**

WHEREAS, the Suffolk County Department of Social Services utilizes trailers in the Towns of Riverhead and Southampton to house homeless sex offenders; and

WHEREAS, the trailer system is fraught with problems; and

WHEREAS, the conditions at the trailers are sparse, with no septic facilities or running water for the residents; and

WHEREAS, the homeless sex offenders housed in the trailers are not receiving necessary support services to address their needs; and

WHEREAS, prior to the placement of the trailers, there was no study performed to assess the impact the trailers would have on the surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, the trailers are not being operated with sufficient safeguards to protect the surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, some of the homeless sex offenders leave the trailers and enter the neighboring communities during the night; and

WHEREAS, some of the sex offenders housed in the trailers have been found, under New York State's Sex Offender Management and Treatment Act, to have a mental abnormality which requires that they be under strict and intensive supervision and treatment for an indefinite period by the Division of Parole; and

WHEREAS, incidents of violence occur regularly at the trailers, placing the trailers' residents and local first responders in danger; and

WHEREAS, a recent emergency call to the Southampton trailer resulted in the serious injury of a Southampton police officer; and

WHEREAS, the trailers are the subject of numerous lawsuits and will continue to be the subject of litigation against the County in the future; and

WHEREAS, for all of the reasons stated above, Suffolk County must close the trailers used to house homeless sex offenders; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, the Suffolk County Department of Social Services is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to cease using the trailers located in the Towns of Riverhead and Southampton to house homeless sex offenders within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this resolution; 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: