

**RESOLUTION NO. / / / / -2010, ESTABLISHING AN
AUTOMATED CALLING POLICY PRIOR TO DISTRIBUTING
RABIES BAITS IN SUFFOLK COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Suffolk County has a significant raccoon population; and

WHEREAS, raccoons are susceptible to the rabies virus and, if infected, can spread the disease to pets and humans; and

WHEREAS, the best way to contain the spread of rabies in raccoons is to immunize them before they become infected with the virus; and

WHEREAS, to combat rabies, the Suffolk County Department of Health Services, in conjunction with other state and federal agencies, distribute raccoon baits containing the oral rabies vaccine via aerial drops in woodlands and by hand in residential neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, these baits can be harmful to children and pets if ingested, requiring assistance from Poison Control; and

WHEREAS, residents in affected areas should be notified prior to the distribution of these baits to protect the health and safety of local children and pets; and

WHEREAS, the County has an automated caller system called CodeRED, which is capable of making pre-recorded notification calls to landline telephones and also providing similar notice via cell phones and emails on an opt-in basis; and

WHEREAS, the County has authorized that CodeRED be used to notify the public of emergencies and to notify residents in affected areas of adult mosquito spraying; and

WHEREAS, residents in areas where baits containing rabies vaccines will be distributed can and should be notified via telephone in advance to protect their health and safety; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that the Department of Health Services is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to provide notification by automated telephone call and automated text message to all persons residing in areas where ground and/or aerial distribution of rabies vaccine baits will occur; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that the Department of Health Services is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to use the County's CodeRED system for the purposes of providing automated telephone calls to landlines and similar notices to cellular phones and email on an opt-in basis, informing residents of the dates and times at which rabies vaccine baits will be distributed; and be it further

3rd RESOLVED, that the Department of Health Services will be responsible for the content of each message and the time at which such messages shall be provided to County residents via automated telephone call or automated text message. Each message shall include a notification to residents that they may opt-in to receive notices via cellular phones and

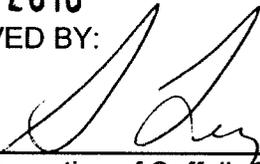
email and informing them of the proper procedures for opting in to these alternate notification methods; and be it further

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:

DEC 07 2010

APPROVED BY:



County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: 12-17-10

SUFFOLK COUNTY
County Legislature
RIVERHEAD, NY



This is to Certify That I, TIM LAUBE, Clerk of the County Legislature of the County of Suffolk, have compared the foregoing copy of resolution with the original resolution now on file in this office, and which was duly adopted by the County Legislature of said County on December 7, 2010 and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said resolution and of the whole thereof.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the official seal of the County Legislature of the County of Suffolk.

Tim Laube

Clerk of the Legislature

Intro. Res. 2073

Res. No. 1111

December 7, 2010

Motion:
 Romaine, Schneiderman, Browning, Muratore, Losquadro
 Eddington, Montano, Cilmi, Lindsay, Viloría-Fisher, Barraga,
 Kennedy, Nowick, Horsley, Gregory, Stern, D'Amaro, Cooper

Co-Sponsors:
 Romaine, Schneiderman, Browning, Muratore, Losquadro
 Eddington, Montano, Cilmi, Lindsay, Viloría-Fisher, Barraga,
 Kennedy, Nowick, Horsley, Gregory, Stern, D'Amaro, Cooper

Second:
 Romaine, Schneiderman, Browning, Muratore, Losquadro
 Eddington, Montano, Cilmi, Lindsay, Viloría-Fisher, Barraga,
 Kennedy, Nowick, Horsley, Gregory, Stern, D'Amaro, Cooper

LD	Legislator	Yes	No	Abs	NP	R
1	Edward P. ROMAINE					
2	Jay H. SCHNEIDERMAN					
3	Kate M. BROWNING					
4	Thomas MURATORE					
6	Daniel P. LOSQUADRO					
7	Jack EDDINGTON					
9	Ricardo MONTANO					
10	Thomas CILMI					
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14	Wayne R. HORSLEY					
15	DuWayne GREGORY					
16	Steven H. STERN					
17	Lou D'AMARO					
18	Jon COOPER					
5	Vivian VILORIA-FISHER, D.P.O.					
8	William J. LINDSAY, P.O.					
	Totals	15				

MOTION

Approve
 Table: _____
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 Table Subject To Call
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 Discharge
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 Override Veto
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APPROVED FAILED _____
 No Motion _____ No Second _____

RESOLUTION DECLARED

ADOPTED
 NOT ADOPTED

Tim Laube

Roll Call _____ Voice Vote