Intro. Res. No.1060-2012 Laid on Table 2/7/2012
Introduced by Legislators Nowick and Spencer

RESOLUTION NO. 131 -2012, DESIGNATING APRIL AS MEDICATION TAKE BACK MONTH IN SUFFOLK COUNTY

WHEREAS, most residents of Suffolk County possess prescription or over the counter ("OTC") medications to treat illnesses or other health conditions; and

WHEREAS, expired or unused medications can harm the environment and contaminate public drinking water supplies when disposed of improperly through discharge into sewage disposal systems or solid waste streams; and

WHEREAS, in addition to environmental concerns, abuse of prescription and OTC medications is rising rapidly, particularly among teens and young adults, with many users finding their drug of choice in the medicine cabinets of family or friends; and

WHEREAS, leaving unused or expired medications in the home also poses a danger to the elderly, who are at risk of accidentally taking an incorrect medication or dosage; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to encourage the proper disposal of unused or expired medications, the Federal Drug Enforcement Agency designates one day in April of each year as a National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day and collects unused or expired non-controlled prescription and OTC medications at locations throughout the nation; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 762-2008 established the Suffolk County Pharmaceutical Disposal Program, known as Operation Medicine Cabinet, which allows residents to deposit unused or expired medications, including controlled substances, in secure receptacles in Suffolk County Police Department precincts; and

WHEREAS, Suffolk County should promote awareness of proper medication disposal techniques and use the month of April to promote National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day and the County's year-round Operation Medicine Cabinet program; now, therefore be it

1st **RESOLVED**, that beginning in 2012 and continuing every year thereafter, April shall be designated "Medication Take Back Month" in the County of Suffolk, to increase public awareness of proper disposal techniques for expired or unused medication and to encourage residents to bring such medications to Suffolk County Police Department precincts through Operation Medicine Cabinet; 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: MAR 1 3 2012

APPROVED BY:

County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: 3.27.2012

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 March 13,2012 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. 1060 Res. No. 131 March 13, 2012

Motion:
Romaine, Schneiderman, Browning, Muratore, Anker
Calarco, Montano, Cilmi, Lindsay, Hahn, Barraga,
Kennedy, Nowick, Horsley, Gregory, Stern, D'Amaro, Spencer

Co-Sponsors:
Romaine, Schneiderman, Browning, Muratore, Anker
Calarco, Montano, Cilmi, Lindsay, Hahn, Barraga,
Kennedy, Nowick, Horsley, Gregory, Stern, D'Amaro, Spencer

Second:
Romaine, Schneiderman, Browning, Muratore, Anker
Calarco, Montano, Cilmi, Lindsay, Hahn, Barraga,
Kennedy, Nowick, Horsley, Gregory, Stern, D'Amaro, Spencer

LD	Legislator	Yes	No	Abs	NP	R
1	Edward P. ROMAINE					
2	Jay H. SCHNEIDERMAN					
3	Kate M. BROWNING					
4	Thomas MURATORE					
5	Kara HAHN					
6	Sarah S. ANKER					
7	Rob CALARCO					
9	Ricardo MONTANO					
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14	Wayne R. HORSLEY, D.P.O.					
8	William J. LINDSAY, P.O.					
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MOTION
X Approve
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No Motion ___ No Second ___

RESOLUTION DECLARED
X ADOPTED
___ NOT ADOPTED

Roll Call ___ Voice Vote X

Tim Laube

Tim Laube, Clerk of the Legislature