

**RESOLUTION NO. 564-2012, ESTABLISHING A LONG-TERM  
PEDIATRIC CARE TASK FORCE IN SUFFOLK COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, every day, children throughout the State and nation are diagnosed with medical conditions or suffer significant injuries in accidents which require significant medical care; and

**WHEREAS**, some children in need of extensive medical care can be treated at home, while others require placement in a long-term pediatric care facility; and

**WHEREAS**, there is no full-scale facility on Long Island which provides long-term pediatric care and the few small facilities available to service the needs of Nassau and Suffolk County families have lengthy waiting lists; and

**WHEREAS**, many Suffolk County families in need of pediatric care services are forced to bring their children to facilities in New York City, Westchester County, or in other states, which creates additional travel and financial burdens on families that are already under stress; and

**WHEREAS**, a full-scale long-term pediatric care facility should be developed on Long Island to care for the needs of our youngest residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Suffolk should step forward to examine this problem and help aid local families in need of long-term pediatric care for their medically fragile children; and

**WHEREAS**, a task force should be created in Suffolk County to identify the issues and difficulties associated with establishing such a facility in the County and identify potential sources of funding to reach that goal; now, therefore be it

**1st RESOLVED**, that a Long-Term Pediatric Care Task Force is hereby established to examine the viability of establishing a public or private long-term pediatric care facility in Suffolk County, including, but not limited to, issues relating to costs, licenses, regulations, staffing, space, identify potential solutions to barriers that are identified and examine possible sources of funding to aid in the development of such a facility; and be it further

**2nd RESOLVED**, that this Task Force shall consist of the following seven (7) members:

- 1) The Commissioner of the Department of Health Services, or his or her designee;
- 2) The Chairperson of the Health Committee of the County Legislature, or his or her designee;
- 3) The County Executive, or his or her designee;
- 4) The Minority Leader of the County Legislature, or his or her designee;

- 5) A representative of the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council;
- 6) The Director of the Legislative Budget Review Office, or his or her designee; and
- 7) A representative of a pediatric long-term health care facility, to be selected by the County Legislature;

and be it further

**3rd** **RESOLVED**, that the chairperson of the Task Force shall be selected by a majority of the membership of said Task Force; and be it further

**4th** **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force shall hold its first meeting no later than thirty (30) days after the oaths of office of all members have been filed, which meeting shall be for the purpose of organization and the appointment of a chairperson, vice chairperson, and a secretary; and be it further

**5th** **RESOLVED**, that the members of said Task Force shall serve without compensation and shall serve at the pleasure of their respective appointing authorities; and be it further

**6th** **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force shall hold regular meetings, keep a record of all its proceedings, and determine the rules of its own proceedings with special meetings to be called by the chairperson upon his or her own initiative or upon receipt of a written request therefor signed by at least three (3) members of the Task Force. Written notice of the time and place of such special meetings shall be given by the secretary to each member at least four (4) days before the date fixed by the notice for such special meeting; and be it further

**7th** **RESOLVED**, that four (4) members of the Task Force shall constitute a quorum to transact the business of the Task Force at both regular and special meetings; and be it further

**8th** **RESOLVED**, that clerical services involving the month-to-month operation of this Task Force, as well as supplies and postage as necessary, will be provided by the staff of the County Legislature; and be it further

**9th** **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force may conduct such informal hearings and meetings at any place or places within the County of Suffolk for the purpose of obtaining necessary information or other data to assist it in the proper performance of its duties and functions as it deems necessary; and be it further

**10th** **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force may delegate to any member of the Task Force the power and authority to conduct such hearings and meetings; and be it further

**11th** **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force shall cooperate with the Legislative Committees of the County Legislature and make available to each Committee's use, upon request, any records and other data it may accumulate or obtain; and be it further

**12th** **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to hold at least four (4) public hearings throughout the County of Suffolk to assemble the data and information necessary to complete the evaluation, study, and report required with all

reasonable efforts to be made to ascertain the views, wishes, and opinions of the residents of Suffolk County; and be it further

**13th RESOLVED**, that said Task Force shall issue a written report, following a comprehensive study and analysis of long-term pediatric care facilities, which shall detail the feasibility of bringing a long-term pediatric care facility to Suffolk County, any barriers that may exist, as well as any possible solutions, and potential funding sources available to aid in the establishment of such a facility; and be it further

**14th RESOLVED**, that this Task Force shall submit a written report of its findings and determinations together with its recommendations for action, if any, to each member of the County Legislature and the County Executive no later than one hundred eighty (180) days subsequent to the effective date of this Resolution for consideration, review, and appropriate action, if necessary, by the entire County Legislature; and be it further

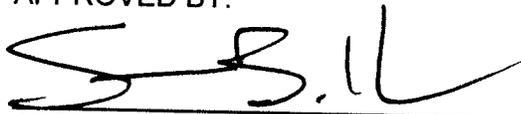
**15th RESOLVED**, that the Task Force shall expire, and the terms of office of its members terminate, as of June 30, 2013, at which time the Task Force shall deposit all the records of its proceedings with the Clerk of the Legislature; and be it further

**16th RESOLVED**, that this study shall not be performed by any outside consultant or consulting firm unless explicit approval and authorization for such consultant or consulting firm is granted pursuant to a duly enacted resolution of the County Legislature; and be it further

**17th 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: **JUN 19 2012**

APPROVED BY:



County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: 6-28-2012

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 June 19, 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*

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Clerk of the Legislature

Intro. Res.

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Res. No.

564

June 19, 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	/				
10	Thomas CILMI	/				
11	Thomas F. BARRAGA	/				
12	John M. KENNEDY, JR.	/				
13	Lynne C. NOWICK	/				
15	DuWayne GREGORY		/			
16	Steven H. STERN		/			
17	Lou D'AMARO		/			
18	William SPENCER	/				
14	Wayne R. HORSLEY, D.P.O.	/				
8	William J. LINDSAY, P.O.				/	
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*Tim Laube*

Tim Laube, Clerk of the Legislature

Roll Call  Voice Vote \_\_\_\_\_