

**RESOLUTION NO. 566 -2012, DECLARING MAY AS "SPEECH
AND HEARING AWARENESS MONTH" IN SUFFOLK COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Helen Keller once said that of all her impairments, she was most troubled by her lack of speech and hearing; she went on, that while blindness separated her from things, her lack of speech and hearing separated her from people -- the human connection of communication; and

WHEREAS, the National Institute of Deafness and Other Communication Disorders reports that approximately 43 million people in the United States suffer from a speech, voice, language or hearing impairment, and almost 28 million suffer from a hearing loss; and

WHEREAS, approximately 10% of children have moderate to severe communication impairments, including speech production/articulation, stuttering and language-learning difficulties, including significant problems with reading; and

WHEREAS, adults experiencing hearing loss are also vulnerable, as it makes communicating with others difficult, especially if not disclosed to others out of embarrassment or shame; and

WHEREAS, the County of Suffolk wishes to designate May as Speech and Hearing Awareness Month in Suffolk County for the purpose of raising public awareness, knowledge and understanding of the various forms of communication impairments to include those of hearing, speech, language, and voice; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that beginning in 2013 and continuing every year thereafter, the month of May is hereby designated "**Speech and Hearing Awareness Month**" in Suffolk County to raise awareness, knowledge and understanding of the various forms of communication impairments; 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: June 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

Clerk of the Legislature

Intro. Res. 1600

Res. No. 566

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	1				
2	Jay H. SCHNEIDERMAN	1				
3	Kate M. BROWNING	1				
4	Thomas MURATORE	1				
5	Kara HAHN	1				
6	Sarah S. ANKER	1				
7	Rob CALARCO	1				
9	Ricardo MONTANO	1				
10	Thomas CILMI	1				
11	Thomas F. BARRAGA	1				
12	John M. KENNEDY, JR.	1				
13	Lynne C. NOWICK	1				
15	DuWayne GREGORY	1				
16	Steven H. STERN	1				
17	Lou D'AMARO	1				
18	William SPENCER	1				
14	Wayne R. HORSLEY, D.P.O.	1				
8	William J. LINDSAY, P.O.				1	
Totals		17	—	—	1	—

MOTION	
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_____	Close
_____	Recess
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No Motion _____	No Second _____

RESOLUTION DECLARED
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ADOPTED
_____ NOT ADOPTED

Tim Laube

Tim Laube, Clerk of the Legislature

Roll Call _____ Voice Vote