

**RESOLUTION NO. 95 -2013, AMENDING THE 2013
OPERATING BUDGET TO ASSURE ADEQUATE HEALTH
EDUCATION FOR THE CHILDREN OF SUFFOLK COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the 2013 Adopted Operating Budget included reductions in the health education curriculum and instruction; and

WHEREAS, the issue of gun violence is a major threat to our society that seems to have increased recently; and

WHEREAS, this issue is multifaceted and mental health is a significant component that can lead to gun violence; and

WHEREAS, mental health services are expensive and require extensive resources, but preventative measures can not only save money but save lives; and

WHEREAS, Health Smart is the only proactive, preventative County program that works directly on mental health issues impacting our children from Kindergarten through 12th Grade; and

WHEREAS, the Health Smart curriculum is currently being taught in 50 out of 72 school districts in Suffolk County; and

WHEREAS, despite the fact that the program has been defunded it has persisted due to the hard work and dedication of the Suffolk County Health Education Service Personnel; and

WHEREAS, these dogged employees continue to work closely with school health educators and volunteers to perpetuate this important program; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Legislature to assure that adequate health education resources are available to every child in Suffolk County; and

WHEREAS, this legislation will provide \$75,000 in 2013 for the purchase of updated, educational materials to hopefully bring Health Smart to all 72 Suffolk County School Districts; and

WHEREAS, Section 4-31(G) of the Suffolk County Charter now allows amendment of the County Operating Budget by County Legislators four times during the fiscal year as long as the amendment reduces, lowers, terminates or cancels appropriations; abolishes positions of employment; terminates contract agencies; terminates or reduces the size of County programs or departments, or makes transfers of appropriations that are offset by reductions in other programs; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that the 2013 County Operating Budget is hereby amended as follows and that the County Comptroller and the County Treasurer be and hereby are authorized to transfer the following funds and appropriations:

APPROPRIATIONS:

<u>FD</u>	<u>AGY</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>OBJ</u>	<u>OBJECT NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
001	HSV	4501	4560	Fees For Services: Non-Employ	+\$75,000
001	HSV	4101	4560	Fees For Services: Non-Employ	-\$75,000

DATED: March 5, 2013

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: March 12, 2013