

RESOLUTION NO. 273 -2013, DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO IMPLEMENT AN EMERGENCY HOUSING POLICY THAT WILL BENEFIT HOMELESS CHILDREN

WHEREAS, the Suffolk County Department of Social Services is responsible for housing the County's homeless individuals and families; and

WHEREAS, the County's emergency housing policy for homeless families must make a special effort to protect children from the negative impacts associated with homelessness; and

WHEREAS, placing homeless families in emergency shelters in or near their home school districts minimizes the dislocation experienced by homeless children, avoids long trips for children from shelters to school and reduces the County's transportation costs; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services should place homeless families in the emergency shelters closest to their home school district; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that the Department of Social Services, to fullest extent practicable, shall implement a policy to place homeless families in the emergency housing shelter that is in, or closest to, the family's home school district; 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: April 23, 2013

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: April 30, 2013