

RESOLUTION NO. 353 -2013, DESIGNATING A "SAFE BOATING WEEK" IN SUFFOLK COUNTY

WHEREAS, Safe Boating Week was started by the North American Safe Boating Campaign in 1957 to encourage boater education and safe boating practices; and

WHEREAS, boating is one the best parts of our centuries old tradition and culture in Suffolk County, bringing families together for countless days of joy and excitement. While boating is a great source of recreation, proper education and training is vital to ensure that boating remains a source of pleasure, not one that ends in tragedy. Drinking alcohol, taking drugs, or choosing not to wear a life jacket are examples of human error and a lack of proper judgment and lack of education about the rules of "road" can lead to catastrophe; and

WHEREAS, on average, 700 people die each year in boating-related accidents in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Suffolk County wishes to participate in "**Safe Boating Week**" which has been proclaimed annually throughout the United States to raise awareness and educate all who participate in boating activities; now, therefore be it

1st **RESOLVED**, in 2013 the week of May 18th through May 24th is hereby designated as "**Safe Boating Week**" in Suffolk County to encourage all who participate in boating to learn more about safe boating practices and take advantage of boating education; and be it further

2nd **RESOLVED**, that commencing in 2014 and continuing every year thereafter, the 7-day period prior to Memorial Day weekend is hereby designated as "**Safe Boating Week**" in Suffolk County; and be it further

3rd **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: May 7, 2013

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: May 15, 2013