

**RESOLUTION NO. 345 -2013, DECLARING JUNE 6TH AS
“TRANSVERSE MYELITIS AWARENESS DAY” IN SUFFOLK
COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Transverse Myelitis (“TM”) is a neurological disorder caused by inflammation of the spinal cord and is characterized by signs and symptoms of neurologic dysfunction in motor and sensory tracts on both sides of the spinal cord; and

WHEREAS, attacks of inflammation can damage or destroy myelin, the fatty insulating substance that covers nerve cell fibers; and

WHEREAS, this damage causes nervous system scars that interrupt communications between the nerves in the spinal cord and the rest of the body; and

WHEREAS, symptoms of transverse myelitis usually begin as a sudden onset of lower back pain, muscle weakness or abnormal sensations in the toes and feet that can rapidly progress to more severe symptoms, including respiratory problems and paralysis; and

WHEREAS, many patients recover from transverse myelitis with few or no residual problems, while others suffer permanent impairments that can affect their ability to perform ordinary tasks of daily living; and

WHEREAS, transverse myelitis occurs in adults and children, in both genders and among all ethnic backgrounds; currently there is no effective cure for this disease; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that 1,400 new cases of transverse myelitis are diagnosed each year in the United States and approximately 33,000 Americans have some type of disability resulting from this disorder; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that June 6th, 2013 is hereby designated as “**Transverse Myelitis Awareness Day**” in Suffolk County; and

2nd RESOLVED, that beginning in 2014 and continuing every year thereafter June 6th shall be permanently designated as “**Transverse Myelitis Awareness Day**” within the County of Suffolk to raise awareness about Transverse Myelitis; 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