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Introduced by Legislator Cilmi

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**RESOLUTION NO. -2013, REQUESTING REVIEW BY
THE FINANCIAL RESTRUCTURING BOARD FOR LOCAL
GOVERNMENTS**

WHEREAS, there is an ongoing structural imbalance in the County of Suffolk's Operating Budget; and

WHEREAS, the County of Suffolk has taken steps to address this structural budget deficit but has relied heavily on higher borrowing and "one shot" revenue enhancers to provide short-term budget fixes; and

WHEREAS, these short-term fixes mean higher costs for County taxpayers in the long run; and

WHEREAS, the County's structural deficit also imperils the County's already diminished bond rating; and

WHEREAS, New York State has established a Financial Restructuring Board for Local Governments to assist localities in financial distress; and

WHEREAS, upon the request of a municipality, this Board will review the operations, finances, management practices and economic base of the municipality and make findings and recommendations on reforming and restructuring its operations; and

WHEREAS, the Restructuring Board can identify cost saving measures, recommend consolidation of functions or agencies and make available to a municipality grants and loans necessary to implement reforms; and

WHEREAS, the County of Suffolk should work with the State of New York to develop a sound multi-year restructuring plan that will help set priorities, consolidate departments and agencies and reduce expenses; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that this Legislature hereby requests that the New York State Financial Restructuring Board for Local Governments undertake a comprehensive review of the operations, finances and management practices of Suffolk County Government and make findings and recommendations on reforming and restructuring its government operations; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that upon the approval of this resolution by the Suffolk County Executive, the Clerk of the County Legislature is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the New York State Financial Restructuring Board for Local Governments along with any pertinent required forms; 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:

APPROVED BY:

County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: