

**RESOLUTION NO. 1127 -2013, DECLARING JANUARY AS
"CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING AWARENESS MONTH" IN
SUFFOLK COUNTY**

WHEREAS, carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas that is produced when any fuel, such as natural gas, propane, gasoline, oil, kerosene, wood or charcoal is burned; and

WHEREAS, devices that produce carbon monoxide include cars, boats, gasoline engines, stoves and heating systems; carbon monoxide from these sources can build up in enclosed or semi-enclosed spaces; and

WHEREAS, the first signs of exposure to low concentrations of carbon monoxide include mild headache and breathlessness; continued or acute exposure can lead to flu-like symptoms which include severe headaches, dizziness, tiredness nausea, confusion irritability and impaired judgment, memory and coordination; and

WHEREAS, carbon monoxide is often called the "silent killer" because if early signs are ignored, a person exposed to carbon monoxide may lose consciousness and be unable to escape the danger; and

WHEREAS, according to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, carbon monoxide poisoning is the most common cause of poisoning death in the United States; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that carbon monoxide poisoning is responsible for 500 deaths and 15,000 emergency room visits annually; and

WHEREAS, in February 2010 New York State enacted legislation requiring the mandatory installation of operable carbon monoxide detectors in homes throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, in 2013 New York State designated January as "Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Awareness Month"; and

WHEREAS, the County of Suffolk wishes to designate the month of January 2014 as "**Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Awareness Month**" for the purposes of educating the public about the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning; now, therefore be it

1st **RESOLVED**, that beginning in 2014 and continuing every year thereafter, the month of January is hereby designated as "**Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Awareness Month**" to raise awareness, knowledge and understanding of the source, symptoms and effects of carbon monoxide poisoning, and the proactive measures that can be taken to reduce exposure, particularly in the home; 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: December 3, 2013

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: December 19, 2013