

**RESOLUTION NO. 1220 -2013, DECLARING JANUARY 26TH
AS "LANGERHANS CELL HISTIOCYTOSIS AWARENESS
DAY" IN SUFFOLK COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Langerhans Cell Histiocytosis ("LCH") is a rare disease characterized by an accumulation of too many immature white blood cells in the body; and

WHEREAS, the buildup of immature Langerhans cells in patients with LCH can cause damage to organs or seriously impact many body systems, including skin, bones, lymph glands, lungs, liver, spleen, the pituitary gland and bone marrow; and

WHEREAS, LCH can manifest in a variety of ways, including headaches, bone pain, gastrointestinal pain and distress, a scaly skin rash that does not respond to treatment, or inflammation in the mouth, face, ears, scalp or lymph nodes; and

WHEREAS, LCH is believed to occur in 1 in 200,000 children but can affect individuals at any age; and

WHEREAS, treatment for LCH varies based on the severity of the disease in each patient and may include the use of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, steroids, surgery to remove tumors, low-dose radiation and chemotherapy; and

WHEREAS, the underlying cause of LCH remains unknown and few studies have been conducted to determine the basic biological nature of the disease or how it would be best treated; and

WHEREAS, to increase awareness of this debilitating disease, the County of Suffolk wishes to declare January 26th as "Langerhans Cell Histiocytosis Awareness Day"; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that January 26th, 2014 is hereby designated "Langerhans Cell Histiocytosis Awareness Day" in Suffolk County; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that beginning in 2015 and every year thereafter January 26th shall be permanently dedicated "Langerhans Cell Histiocytosis Awareness Day" within the County of Suffolk to raise awareness of this rare and debilitating disease; 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: December 17, 2013

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: December 26, 2013