

Intro. Res. No. 1090-2014  
Introduced by Presiding Officer, on request of the County Executive

Laid on Table 2/11/2014

**RESOLUTION NO. 97 -2014, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE TOWNS OF RIVERHEAD, BABYLON, HUNTINGTON AND SOUTHAMPTON FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTY EMPIRE ZONE**

**WHEREAS**, Local Law No. 14-2003 authorized the County Executive to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) upon the consent of the State of New York with the Towns of Southampton, Babylon and Riverhead, which created a funding mechanism for the operation of the Suffolk County Empire Zone and set forth the procedures for operation of the Zone; and

**WHEREAS**, Local Law No. 40-2009 (Resolution No. 1171-2009) authorized an amendment to the MOU to include the Town of Huntington, amend the Zone boundaries and set out the administrative and financial responsibilities of each party: and

**WHEREAS**, on June 30, 2010 the formal Empire Zone Program sunset but left in place the responsibility of administering the program for those businesses already approved to receive benefits; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the sun setting it is necessary to enter into an amended MOU which reflects the respective responsibilities of the County and the Towns of Riverhead, Babylon, Huntington and Southampton; now, therefore be it

**1<sup>st</sup>** **RESOLVED**, that the County Executive or his designee, be and hereby is authorized to execute the MOU in substantially the form annexed hereto as Exhibit "A" to provide for the efficient administration of the Suffolk County Empire Zone; and be it further

**2<sup>nd</sup>** **RESOLVED**, This Legislature, being the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) lead agency, hereby finds and determines that this law constitutes a Type II action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(20) and/or (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. 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 law.

DATED: March 4, 2014

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone  
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: March 14, 2014