

**RESOLUTION NO. 873 -2014, DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT  
OF HEALTH SERVICES TO TEST GROUNDWATER FOR 1,4  
DIOXANE**

**WHEREAS**, the Suffolk County Department of Health Services regularly monitors groundwater to prevent contamination of the sole source aquifer which provides drinking water to Long Island and New York City; and

**WHEREAS**, 1,4 Dioxane is solvent stabilizer used in industrial processes and applications and is also found in many household products such as laundry detergents, shampoos and hand soap; and

**WHEREAS**, 1,4 Dioxane is an emerging contaminate known to cause liver and kidney damage with long-term exposure and is considered a probable human carcinogen by the United States Environmental Protection Agency; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Health Services tests groundwater for chemical contaminants to ensure the safety of the County's wells and drinking water; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Health Services should test groundwater for the presence and levels of 1,4 Dioxane to protect the health and safety of County residents; now, therefore be it

**1st RESOLVED**, that the Department of Health Services is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to include testing for 1,4 Dioxane in tests of groundwater conducted on or after January 1, 2015; 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: October 7, 2014

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone  
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: October 9, 2014