

Intro. Res. No. 1504-2014
Introduced by Legislator Muratore

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**RESOLUTION NO. 685 -2014, DECLARING DECEMBER 19TH
AS "RICHARD "REES" SPECHT DAY OF KINDNESS" IN
SUFFOLK COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Richie "Rees" Specht was 22 months old when he died in 2012 during a tragic accident at his family home; and

WHEREAS, in the time since Rees' death, his family has engaged in acts of kindness in his memory; and

WHEREAS, Rees' father, Rich, established a foundation committed to making the world a better place by asking the community to commit random acts of kindness in his son's name; and

WHEREAS, the Specht family's efforts include acts of generosity on April 24th, "Pay It Forward Day", the pending publication of a children's book and the endorsement of a memorial scholarship fund for students at Smithtown East and West High Schools; and

WHEREAS, Rees' birthday is December 19th; and

WHEREAS, to honor Rees and the kindness he engendered, Suffolk County wishes to declare December 19th Rees Specht Day of Kindness; and

WHEREAS, the County wishes to encourage acts of kindness towards loved ones and strangers on this day and every day; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that beginning in 2014 and continuing every year thereafter, December 19th shall be designated "Richard "Rees" Specht Day of Kindness" within the County of Suffolk to raise awareness and encourage residents to engage in random acts of kindness toward others as a way to make the world a better place; 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: September 9, 2014

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: September 12, 2014