

RESOLUTION NO. 60 -2015, AUTHORIZING THE ERECTION OF AN IRISH EASTER RISING MEMORIAL AT THE COHALAN COURT COMPLEX

WHEREAS, April 24, 2016 marks the centennial of the Irish Easter Rising; and

WHEREAS, the Easter Rising was a rebellion by Irish nationals to establish an independent Irish Republic; and

WHEREAS, approximately two thousand civilians were wounded during the Easter Rising and more than 400 people were killed; and

WHEREAS, Irish independence was ultimately recognized in 1931; and

WHEREAS, The Suffolk County 1916 Easter Rising Memorial Inc., a not-for-profit corporation, whose directors and officers include representatives of a cross-section of local Irish organizations including; the Suffolk County Brehon Law Society, Suffolk County Ancient Order of Hibernians, Suffolk County Police Officers Emerald Society, The Gerry Tobin Irish Language School / Scoil Ghaeilge Ghearóid Tóibín, and Suffolk County Fire Fighters Emerald Society, as well as many of the local trade unions, was established for the purpose of organizing the efforts and raising the funds necessary for the design, building, installation and maintenance of an Easter Rising Memorial; and

WHEREAS, The Suffolk County 1916 Easter Rising Memorial Inc., seeks the permission of the County to erect a memorial at the Cohalan Court Complex in memory of the men and women who gave their lives for an independent Ireland; and

WHEREAS, the County supports the erection of such a memorial; and

WHEREAS, Sections 215 of the New York County law authorizes the County to approve a license agreement for such a memorial; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that this Legislature, being the lead agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), N.Y. Environmental Conservation Law Article 8, hereby finds and determines that this resolution constitutes a Type II action, pursuant to Volume 6 of the New York Code of Rules and Regulations ("NYCRR") §§ 617.5 (c)(7), in that the resolution authorizes construction of a primary non-residential structure or facility involving less than 4,000 square feet of gross floor area and does not involve a change in zoning or a use variance; since this resolution is a Type II action, the Legislature has no further responsibilities under SEQRA; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that Suffolk County 1916 Easter Rising Memorial Inc. is hereby authorized to erect a memorial at the Cohalan Court Complex in remembrance of the Easter Rising; and be it further

3rd RESOLVED, the final selection of a design for such a memorial is to be made by The Suffolk County 1916 Easter Rising Memorial Inc.; and be it further

4th **RESOLVED**, The Suffolk County 1916 Easter Rising Memorial Inc. shall obtain at its sole cost and expense, the materials, supplies and labor necessary to construct the memorial; and be it further

5th **RESOLVED**, that The Suffolk County 1916 Easter Rising Memorial Inc. shall upon completion thereof and thereafter in perpetuity maintain said memorial at its sole cost and expense; and be it further

6th **RESOLVED**, the County Executive or/his designee is authorized to enter into a license agreement with The Suffolk County 1916 Easter Rising Memorial Inc., subject to the approval of the County Attorney, relating to the design, installation, maintenance, management and operation of the memorial.

DATED: February 3, 2015

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: February 17, 2015