

**RESOLUTION NO. 119 -2015, ESTABLISHING A SCHOOL
TRAFFIC ZONE SAFETY COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, Suffolk County is dedicated to providing for the safety and security of all County residents, with a particular focus on protecting children; and

WHEREAS, motor vehicles traveling at excessive speeds in school traffic zone areas is a problem that puts children at significant risk of serious injury and death; and

WHEREAS, Suffolk County has determined that installing school zone speed cameras is not the appropriate solution to this problem; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that alternative methods be considered to improve safety in school zones; and

WHEREAS, a School Traffic Zone Safety Commission should be established to review and make recommendations regarding proposals to improve safety in school zones; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that the Suffolk County School Traffic Zone Safety Commission (“the Commission”) is hereby established to study and analyze safety in school zones, identify the most dangerous school zones throughout the County, and develop methods to improve safety in school zones; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that the Commission shall consist of the following nine (9) members:

1. The Chairperson of the Education and Information Technology Committee of the County Legislature, or his or her designee, who shall serve as Chairperson;
2. The Chairperson of the Public Safety Committee of the County Legislature, or his or her designee;
3. The Presiding Officer of the County Legislature, or his or her designee;
4. The County Executive, or his or her designee;
5. A representative of the Suffolk County Police Department;
6. The President of the Suffolk County Superintendents Association, or his or her designee; and
7. A representative of the Suffolk County Regional Parent Teacher Association;
8. The Commissioner of the Suffolk County Department of Public Works, or his or her designee; and

9. The Executive Director of the Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association, or his or her designee;

and be it further

3rd **RESOLVED**, that the Commission shall hold its first meeting no later than thirty (30) days after the oaths of office of all members have been filed, which meeting shall be convened by the chairman of the Commission, for the purpose of organization and the appointment of a vice chairperson and a secretary; and be it further

4th **RESOLVED**, that the members of said Commission shall serve without compensation and shall serve at the pleasure of their respective appointing authorities; and be it further

5th **RESOLVED**, that the Commission shall hold regular meetings, keep a record of all its proceedings, and determine the rules of its own proceedings with special meetings to be called by the chairperson upon his or her own initiative or upon receipt of a written request therefor signed by at least three (3) members of the Commission. Written notice of the time and place of such special meetings shall be given by the secretary to each member at least four (4) days before the date fixed by the notice for such special meeting; and be it further

6th **RESOLVED**, that five (5) members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum to transact the business of the Commission at both regular and special meetings; and be it further

7th **RESOLVED**, that clerical services involving the month-to-month operation of this Commission, as well as supplies and postage as necessary, will be provided by the staff of the County Legislature; and be it further

8th **RESOLVED**, that the Commission may conduct such informal hearings and meetings at any place or places within the County of Suffolk for the purpose of obtaining necessary information or other data to assist it in the proper performance of its duties and functions as it deems necessary; and be it further

9th **RESOLVED**, that the Commission may delegate to any member of the Commission the power and authority to conduct such hearings and meetings; and be it further

10th **RESOLVED**, that the Commission shall cooperate with the Legislative Committees of the County Legislature and make available to each Committee's use, upon request, any records and other data it may accumulate or obtain; and be it further

11th **RESOLVED**, that this Commission shall submit a written report of its findings and determinations together with its recommendations for action, if any, to each member of the County Legislature and the County Executive no later than one hundred eighty (180) days subsequent to the administration of the oaths of office for all Commission members pursuant to this Resolution for consideration, review, and appropriate action, if necessary, by the entire County Legislature; and be it further

12th **RESOLVED**, that this study shall not be performed by any outside consultant or consulting firm unless explicit approval and authorization for such consultant or consulting firm is granted pursuant to a duly enacted resolution of the County Legislature; and be it further

13th **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: March 3, 2015

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: March 17, 2015