

RESOLUTION NO. 365 -2015, ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM TO REDUCE PROPERTY CRIMES IN HUNTINGTON STATION

WHEREAS, Suffolk County is looking to advances in technology to combat criminal activity; those advances led to the development of property protection products by which valuable personal items can be marked using DNA; and

WHEREAS, companies have developed a range of products to permanently mark items with altered plant DNA to offer increased protection for high value and high theft items such as jewelry, tablet and laptop computers, televisions, and entertainment systems; and

WHEREAS, in the event that a homeowner using these products is the victim of a burglary or theft, they can alert law enforcement that their valuables are DNA marked. If similar items are recovered by law enforcement, they can be easily matched to the homeowner through the testing of the DNA marker; and

WHEREAS, demonstration programs in London and Stockholm have shown that property theft plummets in communities where DNA marking is widely used; and

WHEREAS, a similar program should be implemented in Huntington Station, a community with a diverse population that can serve as a model for the use of these technologies in other communities throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, Section 4-31(G) of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CHARTER now allows amendment of the County Operating Budget by County Legislators four times during the fiscal year as long as the amendment reduces, lowers, terminates or cancels appropriations; abolishes positions of employment; terminates contract agencies; terminates or reduces the size of County programs or departments, or makes transfers of appropriations that are offset by reductions in other programs; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of the Suffolk County Police Department is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to implement a DNA Home Marking Pilot Program in Huntington Station to examine the effects of using DNA marking technology on personal property in a specific community; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that the pilot program should provide for the distribution of DNA home marking kits to 500 households in Huntington Station at a cost of \$25,000; and be it further

3rd RESOLVED, that the pilot program shall be evaluated for its efficacy by the Suffolk County Police Department six (6) months after the kits are provided to residents; and be it further

4th RESOLVED, that the Suffolk County Police Department shall submit a written report to the County Executive and each member of the County Legislature within thirty (30) days of the conclusion of the evaluation period, detailing their findings and conclusions, as well as recommendations for action; and be it further

5th RESOLVED, that the 2015 County Operating Budget is hereby amended as follows and that the County Comptroller and the County Treasurer be and hereby are authorized to transfer the following funds and authorizations.

APPROPRIATIONS:

FROM:

<u>FD</u>	<u>AGY</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>ACT</u>	<u>OBJ</u>	<u>OBJECT NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
001	EXE	1232	0000	4560	Fees For Services: Non-Employ	(\$25,000)

TO:

<u>FD</u>	<u>AGY</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>ACT</u>	<u>OBJ</u>	<u>OBJECT NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
001	POL	3120	0000	4560	Fees For Services: Non-Employ	+\$25,000

and be it further

6th 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: May 12, 2015

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: May 28, 2015