

**RESOLUTION NO. 371 -2015, ESTABLISHING A SUFFOLK COUNTY BUSINESS LEADERS TASK FORCE**

**WHEREAS**, the County is experiencing significant loss of young professionals, with young people leaving Long Island, taking their skills and talents with them; and

**WHEREAS**, Long Island has the lowest share of young people aged 25-34 in the entire region with just 10-11% of the population in that age group; by comparison, 18% of New York City's population is in this age range; and

**WHEREAS**, from 2000 to 2010, Long Island lost 12% of its population in the age group of 25-34 years old, despite the national average of individuals in this age range increasing by 4%; and

**WHEREAS**, retaining and attracting young people to Suffolk County is critical to building an economy with long-term sustainability and growth potential; and

**WHEREAS**, young people bring new and innovative ideas to companies and organizations, which helps businesses to remain competitive; and

**WHEREAS**, business leaders in Suffolk County know the importance of retaining young people on Long Island and can help create strategies that will reverse the loss of young professionals on Long Island; and

**WHEREAS**, the County should establish a cooperative task force comprised of County officials and business leaders to identify barriers to attracting and retaining young talent in Suffolk County and to find solutions to keep young people on Long Island; now, therefore be it

**1st RESOLVED**, that a special Suffolk County Business Leaders Task Force is hereby established to study and analyze the causes for young people leaving Long Island and to develop policies and practices that will aid in the retention of young people and attract others to live and work in Suffolk County; and be it further

**2nd RESOLVED**, that this Task Force shall consist of the following eight (8) members:

1. the Chairperson of the County Legislature's Economic Development Committee, or his or her designee;
2. the Commissioner of the Department of Economic Development and Planning, or his or her designee;
3. three (3) representatives of the Suffolk County business community, to be selected by the County Legislature; and
4. three (3) representatives of the Suffolk County business community, to be selected by the County Executive;

and be it further

**3rd**           **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force 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 Task Force, for the purpose of organization and the appointment of a chairperson, a vice chairperson and a secretary; and be it further

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

**5th**           **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force shall hold regular meetings on a quarterly basis, 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 Task Force. 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 Task Force shall constitute a quorum to transact the business of the Task Force at both regular and special meetings; and be it further

**7th**           **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force 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

**8th**           **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force may delegate to any member of the Task Force the power and authority to conduct such hearings and meetings; and be it further

**9th**           **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force 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

**10th**          **RESOLVED**, that said Task Force shall issue a written report, after an examination and analysis of the underlying causes of young people leaving Suffolk County and propose ways to encourage young people to stay, while drawing additional individuals to live and work here long-term; and

**11th**          **RESOLVED**, that this special Task Force 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 year subsequent to the effective date of this resolution for consideration, review, and appropriate action, if necessary, by the entire County Legislature; and be it further

**12th**          **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force shall expire, and the terms of office of its members terminate, as of December 31, 2016 at which time the Task Force shall deposit all the records of its proceedings with the Clerk of the Legislature; and be it further

**13th**            **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

**14th**            **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