

Introduced by Presiding Officer, on request of the County Executive

RESOLUTION NO. 400 -2015, INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF IMPREST FUND, 001-1165-4770, FOR THE SUFFOLK COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY, SPECIAL SERVICES ACCOUNT

WHEREAS, the County Law of New York, Section 705, authorizes the establishment of a prosecution fund for the payment, in advance of audit, of expenditures necessarily incurred by the District Attorney in the prosecution of criminal actions and proceedings. In accordance with this authority, on June 10, 1968, the Suffolk County Board of Supervisors (now the County Legislature) enacted Resolution No. 408, which authorized the County Comptroller to transfer funds within the Suffolk County District Attorney's budget to establish the prosecution fund (now the Special Services Account); and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 1043 of 1997 established an imprest fund for the Suffolk County District Attorney's Special Services Account in the amount of \$30,000; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 170 of 2003 established an imprest fund for the Suffolk County District Attorney's Special Services Account in the amount of \$50,000; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 575 of 2009 increased the amount of the established imprest fund for the Suffolk County District Attorney's Special Services Account from the amount of \$50,000 to \$60,000; and

WHEREAS, the level of activity of this account has increased dramatically from Fiscal Year 2009 through Fiscal Year 2014 because of the increased need for undercover operational funds to conduct investigations involving guns, gang activity and the heroin epidemic; and

WHEREAS, to combat these issues, the District Attorney of Suffolk County has established specialized units such as the anti-gang unit, gun suppression team and heroin drug task force to address these crime trends and conduct additional investigations; and

WHEREAS, as a result of these specialized units, there has been an increase in the number of confidential investigations and the activity of the Special Services Account; and

WHEREAS, the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office has appropriated \$500,000 in the 2015 Suffolk County Adopted Budget for the purposes of the Special Services Account 001-1165-4770 for the investigation and prosecution of criminal activity; now, therefore be it

1st **RESOLVED**, that the imprest fund in Fund 001, appropriation 1165, sub object 4770 shall be raised to a funding limit of \$70,000. The reimbursement of this fund will take place in accordance with the guidelines set forth by the Suffolk County Department of Audit and Control and the Suffolk County Treasurer; and be it further

2nd **RESOLVED**, that this Legislature, being the lead agency under SEQRA and Chapter 279 of the Suffolk County Code, hereby determines that this resolution constitutes Type II action.

DATED: May 12, 2015

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: May 28, 2015