

RESOLUTION NO. 1013 -2015, ESTABLISHING AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO EVALUATE AND RECOMMEND RECIPIENTS FOR THE DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS RECEIVED BY THE COUNTY FROM THE SUFFOLK COUNTY MARATHON AND HALF MARATHON FOR VETERANS EVENT

WHEREAS, the Office of the County Executive is hosting a marathon and half marathon on September 13, 2015, to promote the County Executive's "Get Moving" Suffolk Campaign and to promote Suffolk County as a tourist destination; and

WHEREAS, the County anticipates that the Suffolk County Marathon and Half Marathon for Veterans Event will not only be fully self-funded, but will also net proceeds which may be utilized to enhance and expand veterans services for local Suffolk County veterans through the award of such funds to charitable registered 501(c)(3) organizations; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 1163-2014 reflects the intent of this Legislature that the net proceeds be awarded to qualified organizations chosen at the discretion of the Suffolk County Veterans Services Agency (hereinafter the "Agency"); and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the effort to best serve the needs of the County's veterans, it is desirable to insure a broad and encompassing review of all grant applications received by the Agency for utilization of such net proceeds within a framework which assesses the needs of veterans within the County, establishes priorities, and develops goals and objectives in order to rank the grant applications; and

WHEREAS, a committee should be formed to review and rank grant applications within such framework and make recommendations to the Agency regarding awards in order to insure that funds generated by the Suffolk County Marathon and Half Marathon for Veterans Event are used in a manner which will best serve the veterans of Suffolk County; and

WHEREAS, this committee should include representatives of the executive and legislative branches of County government, as well as representatives from various veterans organizations; now, therefore be it

1st **RESOLVED**, that a Veteran's Grant Committee ("Committee") is hereby created to:

1. Establish criteria for awarding funds to charitable registered 501(c)(3) organizations in a manner to best serve the needs of Suffolk County veterans, which shall include consideration of at least the following:
 - a. The priority of the service need that the proposal addresses;
 - b. The quality and soundness of the proposal and its probable effectiveness in accomplishing its objectives;
 - c. A cost-benefit analysis of the project;

- d. Community support for the proposal;
 - e. The utilization of local resources, including volunteers, when appropriate, and matching or in-kind contributions;
 - f. The qualification of grant applicant and its employees; and
 - g. The experience of the proposed project administrator in providing ongoing accountability for the program;
2. Review and rank grant applications for disbursement of funds generated by the Suffolk County Marathon and Half Marathon for Veterans Event; and
 3. Make recommendations to the Director of the Agency regarding the disbursement of funds.

and be it further

2nd **RESOLVED**, that the Committee shall be comprised of the following fifteen (15) members:

1. the Director of Veterans Services or his or her designee;
2. the County Executive or his or her designee;
3. a representative of the Presiding Officer or his or her designee;
4. a representative of the Minority of the Suffolk County Legislature;
5. a representative of the Suffolk County American Legion;
6. a representative of the VFW Suffolk County Council;
7. a representative of the Suffolk County American Legion Ladies Auxiliary;
8. a representative of Suffolk County AMVETS;
9. the Chairperson of the Veterans Services Committee of the Suffolk County Legislature or his or her designee;
10. three (3) Gold Star Family Members appointed by the County Executive with the approval of the Suffolk County legislature, who shall serve at the pleasure of the county Executive (a Gold Star Family Member includes a surviving spouse, parent, or immediate family member of armed forces members killed in combat operations); and

11. three (3) elected public officials whose offices represent districts located wholly or partially within Suffolk County and who are veterans of armed forces, to be appointed by the Suffolk County Executive; and be it further

3rd **RESOLVED**, that the chairperson of the Committee shall be the Director of Veterans Services or his or her designee; and be it further

4th **RESOLVED**, that the Committee shall meet within thirty (30) days after the oaths office of all members have been filed, which meeting shall be convened for the purpose of organization; and be it further

5th **RESOLVED**, that the members of the Committee shall serve without compensation and shall serve at the pleasure of their respective appointing authorities; and be it further

6th **RESOLVED**, that the Committee shall meet on an as needed basis, holding meetings upon written, printed, or electronic notice to each member of the Committee stating the place, day, and time of any meeting, delivered to each member of the Committee not less than seven (7) days before the date of the meeting; and be it further

7th **RESOLVED**, that the Committee shall keep a record of all its proceedings, and determine the rules of its own proceedings; and be it further

8th **RESOLVED**, that eight (8) members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum to transact the business of the Committee; and be it further

9th **RESOLVED**, any clerical services involving the operation of this Committee, as well as supplies and postage as necessary, will be provided by the Veterans Services Agency; and be it further

10th **RESOLVED**, that this Legislature, being the State Environment Quality Review Act (SEQRA) lead agency, hereby finds and determines that this law constitutes a Type II action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(20) and/or (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. 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 law.

DATED: December 1, 2015

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Dennis M. Cohen
Chief Deputy County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: December 3, 2015