

**RESOLUTION NO. 195 -2016, DECLARING MARCH AS  
"KIDNEY DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH" IN SUFFOLK  
COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, when kidney disease develops, kidneys lose their ability to filter waste from the bloodstream and maintain fluid and chemical balance in the body; and

**WHEREAS**, chronic kidney disease ("CDK") can progress quickly or take many years to develop; and

**WHEREAS**, kidney disease is a condition that affects one in every 10 adults in the United States (more than 26 million Americans have kidney disease), kidney disease is the ninth leading cause of death in the United States, and there are over 95,000 people waiting for kidney transplants; and

**WHEREAS**, many of those affected by kidney disease are children, who may suffer from congenital, hereditary, systemic, idiopathic and auto-immune forms of the disease or may suffer damage to their kidneys as a result of infection or trauma; and

**WHEREAS**, because there are few warning signs of the condition, most people are not aware that they have kidney disease until it reaches the later stages, which can include kidney failure; and

**WHEREAS**, risk factors for CDK include those persons with diabetes, high blood pressure, cardiovascular disease and a family history of the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, those 18 years or older who have risk factors for CDK should be screened for the disease by having their blood tested for creatinine, a waste product; if kidney function is abnormal the creatinine level will be elevated; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Suffolk wishes to designate the month of March as "**Kidney Disease Awareness Month**" in Suffolk County to raise awareness of chronic kidney disease; now, therefore be it

**1st RESOLVED**, that beginning in 2016 and continuing every year thereafter the month of March shall be designated as "**Kidney Disease Awareness Month**" in Suffolk County to raise awareness of chronic kidney disease and its risk factors; and be it further

**2nd 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 22, 2016

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone  
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: March 31, 2016