

**RESOLUTION NO. 373 -2016, NAMING SUFFOLK COUNTY
HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE PLAYGROUND IN WEST
SAYVILLE AS THE "BETTY WHITEHOUSE PLAYGROUND"**

WHEREAS, Elizabeth "Betty" Catlin Whitehouse was a community leader in Suffolk County and in the Sayville Community; and

WHEREAS, as a mother of five children, Betty Whitehouse served in a variety of leadership capacities in girls and boys scouting, little league sports and children's sailing in the Sayville area; and

WHEREAS, as an educator Betty Whitehouse drafted and implemented an innovative astronomy curriculum for the Sayville Middle School; and

WHEREAS, Betty Whitehouse also demonstrated her dedication to community service and young people by successfully lobbying for funding to build a planetarium at the Sayville Middle School; and

WHEREAS, Betty Whitehouse helped preserve the Shoreham Beach property as an Islip Town park; she also led the effort to convert Rotary Park into The Common Ground; and

WHEREAS, after 25 years of teaching and upon retirement, Betty Whitehouse continued to serve the community as a Sayville school board member; and

WHEREAS, Betty Whitehouse volunteered tirelessly for the Sayville Food Pantry, Sayville Library and St. Ann's Church of Sayville; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth "Betty" Catlin Whitehouse passed away on December 6, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the County of Suffolk will open a new handicapped accessible playground in West Sayville in the Spring of 2016; and

WHEREAS, the County of Suffolk wishes to recognize the outstanding community service Betty Whitehouse provided over her lifetime; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 215 of the NEW YORK COUNTY LAW and Chapter 1016 of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CODE, the handicapped accessible playground within the West Sayville Cherry Avenue County Park, shall be named "The Betty Whitehouse Playground"; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that the Suffolk County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to take all necessary actions necessary to effectuate this naming and dedication; and be it further

3rd 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 10, 2016

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: May 18, 2016