

Introduced by Legislators Browning, Calarco, Gregory and Muratore

**RESOLUTION NO. 475 -2016, DECLARING APRIL 17TH AS
“ANIMAL CRUELTY PREVENTION DAY” IN SUFFOLK
COUNTY**

WHEREAS, in 2014, the FBI announced that it would add cruelty to animals as a category in the agency’s Uniform Crime Report, a nationwide crime-reporting system; and

WHEREAS, while only a third of United States communities currently participate in this crime reporting system, the data generated will help create a clearer picture of the scope of animal abuse and guide strategies for intervention and enforcement; and

WHEREAS, statistics show a strong correlation between animal abuse and the commission of other crimes; studies show animal abusers are much likelier to start abusing humans, including children; and

WHEREAS, cruelty towards and neglect of animals occurs across socio-economic boundaries, and media reports suggest that animal abuse is common in both rural and urban areas; and

WHEREAS, the County of Suffolk wishes to designate April 17th as “**Animal Cruelty Prevention Day**” to raise awareness of the abuse and neglect inflicted on animals and to strengthen efforts to combat animal abuse; now, therefore be it

1st **RESOLVED**, that beginning in 2017 and continuing every year thereafter April 17th shall be designated as “**Animal Cruelty Prevention Day**” in Suffolk County to raise awareness of the abuse and neglect inflicted on animals throughout our communities and to enhance efforts to fight such abuse; 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: June 1, 2016

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: June 14, 2016