

**AMENDED COPY AS OF 6/25/2009**

Home Rule Message 18-2009

Laid on Table 6/23/2009

Introduced by Presiding Officer, on request of the County Executive

**HOME RULE MESSAGE No. 18 REQUESTING THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO AMEND THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW TO AUTHORIZE SUFFOLK COUNTY TO AMORTIZE THE SEPARATION PAY OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES FOR A PERIOD OF TEN YEARS (SENATE BILL S.4695/ASSEMBLY BILL A8092)**

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 4695 and Assembly Bill 8092 amends the Local Finance Law by empowering Suffolk County to amortize for a ten year period accrued and accumulated, but unused and unpaid, sick leave, personal leave, holiday leave, vacation time, time allowances granted in lieu of overtime compensation and any other forms of payment for time earned by such employees and payable to such employees; and

**WHEREAS**, an amendment to the New York Local Finance Law is required in order to authorize Suffolk County to amortize these expenses due to significantly higher number of County employees anticipated to leave County employment this year, and to otherwise facilitate payments owed to people leaving County service during the current economic downturn; now, therefore be it

**1<sup>st</sup>** **RESOLVED**, that this Legislature, in accordance with the provisions of Section 40 of the NEW YORK MUNICIPAL HOME RULE LAW, and joining with the County Executive, hereby finds and declares the necessity for the enactment of Senate Bill 4695 and Assembly Bill 8092 (copies of which are attached hereto) which authorize Suffolk County to amortize the cost of separation pay to county employees for ten years; and be it further

**2<sup>nd</sup>** **RESOLVED**, that the Clerk of the Legislature is hereby directed to forward copies of this resolution to Hon. David A. Paterson, Governor; to the Majority Leader of the New York State Senate; to the Hon. Sheldon Silver, Speaker of the New York State Assembly; to the Minority Leaders of the New York State Senate and the New York State Assembly; and to each member of the Long Island Delegation to the New York State Legislature.

DATED: , 2009