

**HOME RULE MESSAGE REQUESTING THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE TO AMEND THE PUBLIC AUTHORITIES LAW IN RELATION TO THE SUFFOLK COUNTY JUDICIAL FACILITIES AGENCY AND THE H. LEE DENNISON BUILDING (ASSEMBLY BILL A. 7179-2013 AND SENATE BILL S. 5029-2013)**

**WHEREAS**, the effects of the prolonged national economic recession and loss of sales tax revenue continue to stress Suffolk County's budget; and

**WHEREAS**, Suffolk County requires additional financial relief to mitigate an unprecedented budget deficit; and

**WHEREAS**, this legislation will authorize the County, at its option, to utilize the Suffolk County judicial facilities agency to purchase and lease the H. Lee Dennison Building and one or more of the buildings in the North County Complex and is part of the County's comprehensive budget mitigation plan to continue to balance the County's budget and maintain sound fiscal standing; and

**WHEREAS**, this legislation enables a sale and leaseback of the H. Lee Dennison Building and the North County Complex, or any parts thereof, while maintaining its occupancy and use for governmental purposes and functions; and

**WHEREAS**, Suffolk County requires such legislation in order to engage in innovative budgeting methods; now, therefore be it

**1st RESOLVED**, that this Legislature hereby requests the State of New York to enact Assembly Bill A. 7179-2013 and Senate Bill S. 5029-2013 for the purpose of enacting "An act to amend the public authorities law in relation to the Suffolk county judicial facilities agency and the H. Lee Dennison building"; and be it further

**2nd RESOLVED**, that this Legislature hereby requests the State of New York to enact Assembly Bill A. 7179-2013 and Senate Bill S. 5029-2013 for the further purpose of amending Title 16, Article 8, Sections 2350-b, 2350-c, 2350-e, 2350-f, 2350-g, 2350-j, 2350-m, 2350-o, 2350-s, 2350-v and 2350-ff of the NEW YORK PUBLIC AUTHORITIES LAW in order to grant the Suffolk County Judicial Facilities Agency (JFA) expanded powers to purchase and lease property in relation to the . H. Lee Dennison Building and one or more of the buildings in the North County Complex and to consider the JFA a political subdivision of the State for the purpose of any financial aid eligibility; and be it further

**3rd RESOLVED**, that the Clerk of this Legislature is hereby directed to forward copies of this Resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo; to the Majority Leader of the New York State Senate Dean G. Skelos; to the Speaker of the New York State Assembly Sheldon Silver; 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.

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