

**HOME RULE MESSAGE REQUESTING THE NEW YORK
STATE LEGISLATURE TO AUTHORIZE SUFFOLK COUNTY
TO EXTEND A TEMPORARY HOTEL AND MOTEL TAX**

WHEREAS, Section 1202-o of the New York Tax Law authorizes Suffolk County to adopt and amend local laws imposing a tax upon persons occupying hotel or motel rooms in Suffolk County at a rate of up to three percent (3%) of the per diem rental rate for each room; and

WHEREAS, the proceeds from the hotel and motel tax have been used to promote tourism in Suffolk County and fund many of the County's historic sites, museums, parks and cultural programming; and

WHEREAS, this Legislature imposed the hotel and motel tax by adopting Local Law No. 14-1992, Local Law No. 28-2000, and Local Law No. 34-2009; and

WHEREAS, the County's authority to impose the hotel and motel tax expires on December 31, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the continued promotion of the tourism and convention industries and ongoing support for cultural programs that attract tourism is vital to the economic well-being of Suffolk County, thereby necessitating an extension of the hotel and motel tax at a rate of three percent (3%); now, therefore be it

1st **RESOLVED**, that this Legislature hereby requests that the New York State Legislature enact Senate Bill S5719 and Assembly Bill A7910 which authorize Suffolk County to extend a temporary tax upon persons occupying hotel and motel rooms in the County of Suffolk, at a rate of three percent (3%) of the per diem rate for each room, effective from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017, and distribute the proceeds to promote tourism and fund County parks, historic sites, museums and cultural programs; and be it further

2nd **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 John Flanagan; to the Speaker of the New York State Assembly Carl Heastie; 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: June 2, 2015