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2009 YEAR END REVIEW

Highlights of Suffolk County Legislative Accomplishments

HAUPPAUGE, NY, DECEMBER 23, 2009 – The Suffolk County Legislature is respected nation-wide for its accomplishments over the decades. Suffolk has earned nation-wide notoriety for ground-breaking laws such as its cell-phone ban and DWI vehicle seizure law, its smoking ban and bottle bill, the Ephedra, DXM and detergent additive bans and its “comparable worth,” “item pricing” and “living wage” laws.

“During the very difficult economic times in 2009 this body once again has shown extraordinary leadership by putting the people’s business first,” said the Legislature’s Presiding Officer, William J. Lindsay (D-Holbrook). “Once again the Suffolk County Legislature has an extensive list of accomplishments and in so many ways has protected and improved the lives of our residents.”

Highlights from the 2009 Legislative Sessions:

- 1st in the Nation Ban on the sale of Toxic Baby Bottles containing BPA
- 1st in the Nation Ban on drop-side cribs
- 1st in the Nation Ban on e-cigarettes
- Required chain restaurants to post calorie counts on menus
- Established a Silver-Alert System for Missing Seniors
- Increased the oversight and transparency of how Suffolk hires consultants
- Encouraged Head Injury Awareness in Youth Sports
- Established a Domestic Violence Registry
- Prevented registered sex offenders from maintaining accounts on social networking websites
- Prohibited Sex Offenders from living near their victims
- Banned the use of artificial trans-fats food establishments
- Prohibited the application of fertilizer near surface waters
- Banned false advertising by unlicensed electricians and plumbers
- Ensured fire hydrant operability and safe water pressure levels
- Regulated the Operation of Helicopters
- Established a Hate Crimes Task Force
- Required DSS to maintain a Child Care Waiting list
- Established Clean-Pass parking at County Buildings
- Encouraged Community, Victory and Recession Gardens
- Required Ethics Training for Elected Officials
- Established a Teen Pregnancy Task Force

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