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Legislator Cooper to Speak at Inaugural Observance of Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Week in Suffolk County

Harborfields Library the Setting for Kick-Off of Public Awareness Campaign for Debilitating Disease.

GREENLAWN, NY – Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD) affects 1 in 3,000 boys before they are even 6 years old. Inspired by Dylan Thompson, a Harborfields High School student who was diagnosed with DMD at the age of five, last spring Suffolk County Majority Leader Jon Cooper (D-Lloyd Harbor) authored legislation declaring the second week of February “Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Week” in Suffolk County.

Cooper will speak at a public awareness event organized by Dylan and his classmates at Harborfields Library to commemorate the inaugural observance of Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Week. The event will feature a free screening of the film “Darius Goes West”. *(This is a documentary about Darius Weems, a 16-year-old boy with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy and 11 of his best friends as they set off across America with the ultimate goal of getting his wheelchair customized on MTV’s “Pimp My Ride”).*

WHO: Suffolk County Majority Leader Jon Cooper

WHAT: Cooper speaks at inaugural “Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Week” event.

WHERE: Harborfields Public Library, 31 Broadway, Greenlawn.

WHEN: Monday, February 8th, 7:00 PM

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