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NEWS RELEASE

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Schneiderman Cuts salary to assist with County Fiscal Crisis

Citing a shortfall in sales tax revenues due to the severe financial challenges facing Suffolk County Government, Legislator Schneiderman will voluntarily reduce his bi-weekly pay checks starting January 26, 2012 and continuing until October 18, 2012. The lag in his salary is at a rate of 5 percent over 20 pay periods or the equivalent of two weeks of pay. The Legislature passed the voluntary lag to make the same personal sacrifices as many other County workers who will also be lagging their payroll to help the County. Legislator Schneiderman is a cosponsor to Resolution No. 864-2011, authorizing a Voluntary Lag Payroll for Elected officials in 2012.

“Those in government need to realize there are people struggling in this difficult economic climate and we have to do everything in our power to avoid placing any additional burden on Suffolk County taxpayers,” said Schneiderman.

Representing the South Fork, Jay Schneiderman is the Suffolk County Legislator for the Second Legislative District. For more information, or to arrange an interview, please call (631) 852-8400.

Introduced by Legislators Cooper, Browning and Schneiderman

**RESOLUTION NO. 864 -2011, AUTHORIZING A VOLUNTARY
LAG PAYROLL FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS IN 2012**

WHEREAS, resolutions have been submitted that authorize the County to do a "lag payroll" for exempt employees; and

WHEREAS, provisions of State law restrict the enactment of a resolution or a local law that would mandate the reduction of an elected official's salary during his or her term of office; and

WHEREAS, it is understood that a lag payroll causes employees a significant financial burden and, as a result, all County employees should share the burden equally; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, the Suffolk County Legislature approved a voluntary lag payroll for County elected officials; and

WHEREAS, elected officials should be offered the same opportunity to participate in a lag payroll in 2012 to realize additional savings; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that the Department of Audit and Control is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to take all necessary steps to permit the voluntary participation of County elected officials in a two week lag payroll; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that the voluntary participation by elected officials in a lag payroll be implemented by deferring the equivalent of ten days of pay over 26 consecutive pay periods beginning with the first full payroll week in January, 2012; and be it further

3rd RESOLVED, that elected officials who sustain a salary reduction as a result of their voluntary participation in a two week lag payroll shall be entitled to reimbursement of such salary reduction upon their separation from service with the County and said reimbursement rate shall be at the rate of pay the elected officials are receiving at the time of their separation from service; and be it further

4th RESOLVED, that this Legislature, being the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) lead agency, hereby finds and determines that this resolution constitutes a Type II action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(20), (21) and (27) of Title 6 of the NEW YORK CODE OF RULES AND REGULATIONS (6 NYCRR) and within the meaning of Section 8-0109(2) of the NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW as a promulgation of regulations, rules, policies, procedures, and legislative decisions in connection with continuing agency administration, management and information collection, and the Suffolk County Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) is hereby directed to circulate any appropriate SEQRA notices of determination of non-applicability or non-significance in accordance with this resolution.

DATED: November 9, 2011

EFFECTIVE PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-15(F) OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTY CHARTER,
RETURNED BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE UNSIGNED NOVEMBER 21, 2011