

RESOLUTION NO. 422 -2013, ENSURING SUFFOLK COUNTY GOVERNMENT INTERNET CONTENT IS ACCESSIBLE TO THE PRINT-DISABLED

WHEREAS, the County of Suffolk believes that all residents deserve full access to publicly available government information; and

WHEREAS, print-disabled persons cannot read printed material due to a visual, physical, perceptual, developmental, cognitive or learning disability; and

WHEREAS, software exists which allows print-disabled persons to access the content of most webpages by reading text on screen aloud; and

WHEREAS, webpages that can be read using such "screen reading" software have certain coding elements that enable the software to function; and

WHEREAS, the County's government webpages do not have such encoding; and

WHEREAS, County websites disseminate important information about emergency response measures, job opportunities, and public hearings and meetings and provides forms and applications that are utilized by businesses, civic organizations and individuals; and

WHEREAS, the County should ensure that all County residents have access to such information by integrating the coding necessary for screen reading software into each public County webpage; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that the Department of Information Technology is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to incorporate coding modifications for all public County websites and webpages which will enable the use of screen reading software; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that the modifications for all County websites and webpages shall be completed one (1) year from the effective date of this resolution; and be it further

3rd RESOLVED, that all County websites or webpages developed on or after the effective date of this resolution shall be encoded to allow for the use of screen reading software; 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: June 4, 2013

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: June 7, 2013