

RESOLUTION NO. 379 -2013, ESTABLISHING A “DISCOVER SUFFOLK COUNTY PARKS DAY” ON JUNE 27, 2013

WHEREAS, during these challenging economic times, many County residents are staying on Long Island instead of vacationing elsewhere during the summer months; and

WHEREAS, the County has a vast network of parks available to the public so they can enjoy the natural beauty of Long Island; and

WHEREAS, all County parks have parking fees for access; and

WHEREAS, residents who do not possess a valid Green Key card, pay non-resident card holder rates; and

WHEREAS, in order to attract new park patrons and publicize the attributes of the County’s park system, the County should offer a discounted admission fee to County parks for one day only; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that June 27, 2013 is designated “Discover Suffolk County Parks Day”; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that the Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to reduce the non-resident vehicle use fees for parks with lifeguards and parks without lifeguards by approximately 50% on June 27, 2013 to reflect current resident Green Key card holder rate; and be it further

3rd RESOLVED, that the Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation is further directed to publicize “Discover Suffolk County Parks Day” via the departmental website and through press releases; and be it further

4th RESOLVED, that the average non-resident vehicle fee collected at the parks covered in the pilot program for the previous 5 years when June 27th did not fall on a weekend was \$8,040; and be it further

5th RESOLVED, that while this is a pilot program intended to generate increased revenue due to increased interest, if it does not generate the average non-Green Key Card revenue collected over the previous 5 years (excluding weekends), the loss will be covered by using the following offset; and be it further

6th RESOLVED, that adequate surplus appropriations exist within the Legislature’s permanent salaries line (001-LEG-1010-1100), at least a portion of which is attributable to a temporary vacancy in Legislator Schneiderman’s Office, to offset any potential reductions in revenue from discounting non-resident vehicle fees on “Discover Suffolk County Parks Day”; and be it further

7th RESOLVED, that the Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation will advise this Legislature and the County Executive whether “Discover Suffolk County Parks Day” achieved its goals by a written report no later than September 30, 2013; and be it further

8th **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: May 7, 2013

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: May 15, 2013