

**RESOLUTION NO. 896 -2013, DECLARING NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>  
THROUGH NOVEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2013 AS “VETERANS  
AWARENESS WEEK” IN SUFFOLK COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, tens of millions of Americans have served in the Armed Forces of the United States during the past century; and

**WHEREAS**, hundreds of thousands of Americans have given their lives while serving in the Armed Forces; and

**WHEREAS**, the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by the people of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the advent of the all-volunteer Armed Forces has resulted in a sharp decline in the number of individuals and families who have a personal connection with the Armed Forces; and

**WHEREAS**, this reduction in familiarity with the Armed Forces has resulted in a marked decrease in the awareness of young people of the nature and importance of the accomplishments of those who have served in the Armed Forces, despite the current educational efforts of the Department of Veterans Affairs and veterans service organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, the system of civilian control of the Armed Forces makes it essential that the future leaders of the Nation understand the history of military action and the contributions and sacrifices made by those who serve in the Armed Forces; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Suffolk wishes to designate the week of November 4<sup>th</sup> through November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013 as “**Veterans Awareness Week**” for the purpose of emphasizing educational efforts directed at elementary and secondary school children concerning the contributions and sacrifices of veterans; now, therefore be it

**1st RESOLVED**, that the week of November 4<sup>th</sup> through November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013 is hereby designated as “**Veterans Awareness Week**” within the County of Suffolk to emphasize the need to develop educational programs regarding the contributions of veterans to our country; and be it further

**2nd 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: October 8, 2013

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone  
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: October 17, 2013