

**RESOLUTION NO. 197 -2014, DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES AND THE SUFFOLK COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT, TO DEVELOP AND PUBLISH A WEBSITE DEDICATED TO BULLYING PREVENTION AND AWARENESS**

**WHEREAS**, bullying is a significant problem among school aged children which is attracting the attention of educators and parents throughout Suffolk County and the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, Suffolk County is a leader in combatting bullying, having criminalized cyberbullying of minors in 2010 and established October as "Bullying Prevention Awareness Month" in 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, abundant information on bullying prevention is available online, but there is no website that provides information and resources on this issue that are specific to Suffolk County; and

**WHEREAS**, the County should establish a website that gives Suffolk County residents easy access to information regarding bullying and the resources available to those who are victimized by bullying; now, therefore be it

**1<sup>st</sup>** **RESOLVED**, that the Department of Information Technology, in conjunction with the Department of Health Services and the Suffolk County Police Department, is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to develop and publish a website dedicated to bullying prevention and awareness which shall include information and resources pertinent to the residents of Suffolk County; and be it further

**2<sup>nd</sup>** **RESOLVED**, that the Department of Health Services shall develop for inclusion on the website information regarding the signs of bullying in young people, the different types of bullying, and methods to prevent bullying, as well as existing bullying prevention programs and peer education programs in Suffolk County; and be it further

**3<sup>rd</sup>** **RESOLVED**, that the Suffolk County Police Department will provide the Department of Information Technology with information on school bullying prevention programs; and be it further

**4<sup>th</sup>** **RESOLVED**, that the Department of Information Technology will publish this website no later than August 1, 2014; and be it further

**5<sup>th</sup>** **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: March 19, 2014

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone  
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: April 3, 2014