

**RESOLUTION NO. 295 -2014, REQUIRING INSTALLATION OF  
CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS AT COUNTY FACILITIES  
("THE STEVE NELSON SAFETY ACT")**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Suffolk is responsible for providing a safe workplace for its employees and ensuring the safety of the members of the public who visit its facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless, tasteless gas that is created through the incomplete burning of fuels like oil and natural gas and is toxic to humans; and

**WHEREAS**, exposure to carbon monoxide can lead to carbon monoxide poisoning, which can cause headache, fatigue, shortness of breath, nausea, vomiting, mental confusion, loss of consciousness and, in some cases, death; and

**WHEREAS**, carbon monoxide poisoning recently caused the death of a restaurant employee and sickened many others in Huntington Station, serving as a painful reminder that the dangerous effects of carbon monoxide can occur anywhere; and

**WHEREAS**, members of the public visit County facilities for a variety of services and thousands of students attend classes on the campuses of Suffolk County Community College; and

**WHEREAS**, carbon monoxide detectors should be installed in all County and Community College buildings to ensure the safety of County and Community College employees, visiting members of the public and students; now, therefore be it

**1st RESOLVED**, that the Department of Public Works is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to install and maintain carbon monoxide detectors, which provide digital readouts of carbon monoxide levels, in all buildings owned, leased by and leased to the County of Suffolk, which are regularly occupied; and be it further

**2nd RESOLVED**, that the Department of Public Works shall have carbon monoxide detectors installed into and made part of existing hard-wired fire alarm systems; and where no existing hard-wired fire alarm system is presently installed, may have battery powered carbon monoxide or plug-in carbon monoxide detectors installed; and where an outdated or otherwise deficient existing hard-wired fire alarm system is presently installed, may have new fire alarm control equipment installed that can accommodate a fire alarm system along with the carbon monoxide detection equipment; and be it further

**3rd RESOLVED**, that the Department of Public Works, in conjunction with the Department of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services, shall determine the appropriate number and location of the devices required in each County building to protect the public; and be it further

**4th RESOLVED**, that the Department of Public Works, in conjunction with the Department of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services shall, in determining the appropriate number and locations of the devices required in each County building to protect the public, have said devices installed in three (3) phases according to the gross square footage of the building with the first phase being buildings with a gross square footage 100,000 square feet or more, the second phase being buildings with a gross square footage less than 100,000 square feet but equal to or greater than 20,000 square feet and the third phase being buildings with a gross square footage less than 20,000 square feet; and be it further

**5th RESOLVED**, that the Department of Public Works, shall complete the installation of all carbon monoxide detectors required pursuant to this resolution by December 31, 2015 for phase one, December 31, 2016 for phase two and December 31, 2018 for phase three; and be it further

**6th RESOLVED**, that after the installation of carbon monoxide detectors, the Department of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services will insure that the carbon monoxide detectors are in good working order during their inspection of County buildings; and be it further

**7th RESOLVED**, it is recommended that the administration of Suffolk County Community College install and maintain carbon monoxide detectors in all College buildings in accordance with the requirements of this resolution; 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: April 29, 2014

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone  
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: May 12, 2014