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Introduced by Legislators Lindsay

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**RESOLUTION NO. -2014, ADOPTING LOCAL LAW
NO. -2014, A LOCAL LAW TO ELIMINATE AUTOMATIC
PAY INCREASES FOR COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS**

WHEREAS, there was duly presented and introduced to this County Legislature at a meeting held on March 18, 2014, a proposed local law entitled, "**A LOCAL LAW TO ELIMINATE AUTOMATIC PAY INCREASES FOR COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS**"; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that said local law be enacted in form as follows:

LOCAL LAW NO. -2014, SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK

**A LOCAL LAW TO ELIMINATE AUTOMATIC PAY INCREASES FOR
COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF
SUFFOLK**, as follows:

Section 1. Legislative Intent.

This Legislature hereby finds and determines that Local Law No. 4-1986 and Local Law No. 42-1999 established a policy whereby the County's elected officials receive an automatic annual pay increase equal to 4% or the increase in the Consumer Price Index, whichever is lower.

This Legislature further finds that the policy established by these local laws has led to a steady escalation of elected officials' salaries.

This Legislature determines that the County's elected officials should, to the fullest extent practicable, be accountable to the voters for their actions. Local Law No. 42-1999 decreases that accountability by removing the issue of elected officials' compensation from the normal budgeting and governing process.

This Legislature also concludes that automatic pay increases for elected officials can no longer be justified at a time when the County of Suffolk is experiencing chronic budget deficits and many County employees are receiving no pay increase or increases that are lower than the rate of inflation.

Therefore, the purpose of this law is to amend the SUFFOLK COUNTY CODE and end automatic annual pay increases for elected officials.

Section 2. Repeal.

Local Law No. 4-1986, Local Law No. 42-1999 and Article I of Chapter 205 of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CODE are hereby repealed in their entirety.

Section 3. Transition.

The salary of the County's elected officers shall continue to be increased annually by an amount equal to the lesser of 4% or the amount of increase in the Consumer Price Index ("CPI") for the New York - Northern New Jersey – Long Island Region published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics under the United States Department of Labor for the preceding year, through the dates set forth below at which point automatic salary adjustments for these offices shall terminate.

Officer

County Executive	December 31, 2015
District Attorney	December 31, 2017
County Sheriff	December 31, 2017
County Treasurer	December 31, 2017
County Clerk	December 31, 2014
County Comptroller	December 31, 2014
Presiding Officer of the County Legislature	December 31, 2015
Deputy Presiding Officer of the County Legislature	December 31, 2015
County Legislator	December 31, 2015

Section 4. Applicability.

This law will apply to actions occurring on or after the effective date of this law.

Section 5. Severability.

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or part of this law or the application thereof to any person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity, or circumstance shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or part of this law, or in its application to the person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity, or circumstance directly involved in the controversy in which such order or judgment shall be rendered.

Section 6. SEQRA Determination.

This Legislature, being the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) lead agency, hereby finds and determines that this law constitutes a Type II action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(20), (21), and/or (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. 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 law.

Section 7. Effective Date.

This law shall take effect immediately upon its filing in the Office of the Secretary of State.

DATED:

APPROVED BY:

County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: