

**WITHDRAWN AS OF 1/14/2015**

Intro. Res. No. 1025-2015  
Introduced by Legislator Hahn

Laid on Table 1/5/2015

**RESOLUTION NO. -2015, ESTABLISHING A HEALTH  
EDUCATION AMBASSADOR PROGRAM FOR SUFFOLK  
COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Suffolk actively seeks to improve the health and wellbeing of its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the County is home to many healthcare professionals who have specialized knowledge in a variety of disciplines, including chronic illness, nutrition, mental health, sports safety and physical activity; and

**WHEREAS**, many County residents, particularly seniors and young families, need education on health issues as their needs change over time; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Health Services should establish a program that would allow healthcare professionals to provide, on a volunteer basis, health education in their communities; now, therefore be it

**1st RESOLVED**, that the Department of Health Services (“the Department”) is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to establish a “Health Education Ambassador Program” through which volunteer healthcare professionals will educate the public on health topics by speaking at schools, youth and athletic programs, and community meetings and events; and be it further

**2nd RESOLVED**, that the Department shall notify local healthcare professionals, including, but not limited to, doctors, nurses, nutritionists and physician assistants, of this program and the need for volunteer health care professionals to speak with community members, children and families on health issues like healthy eating, exercise, diabetes, chronic illness, mental health and wellbeing; and be it further

**3rd RESOLVED**, that the Department will provide these volunteer health education ambassadors with eight (8) hours of training on public speaking and engagement; and be it further

**4th RESOLVED**, that the Department shall notify schools, youth groups and other community organizations of the health education ambassador program and shall serve as the point of contact to connect organizations with trained ambassadors in their communities; and be it further

**5th RESOLVED**, that the Department shall develop and begin training of health education ambassadors within 120 days of the effective date of this resolution; and be it further

**6th RESOLVED**, that the Department shall provide a written report to the County Legislature on the progress and utilization of the program by communities no later than one year after the program is initially implemented; and be it further

**7th**            **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:

APPROVED BY:

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County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: