

**RESOLUTION NO. 264 -2015, ESTABLISHING A PARKS
PASSPORT PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN IN SUFFOLK
COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the County of Suffolk is continually developing programs to provide residents with opportunities to improve their health; and

WHEREAS, recent programs created by the County include the upcoming Suffolk County Marathon and the Parks Rx Program, established in Resolution No. 959-2014, to increase residents' activities through the use of local parks; and

WHEREAS, studies show that children who are instilled with healthy habits associated with diet and exercise are more likely to retain those habits as adults; and

WHEREAS, children often enjoy collecting items to show achievement and have a record of their accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, to encourage children to visit County parks, and in furtherance of the Parks Rx Program, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation should develop a Parks Passport Program as a vehicle for children to memorialize their trips to County parks; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that the Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to develop a Parks Passport Program for children in Suffolk County; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that the Program shall provide a system by which children visiting County parks can obtain a paper booklet and collect stamps or stickers each time they visit a County park; and be it further

3rd RESOLVED, that the Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation, in collaboration with the Department of Public Works, shall develop and produce the paper booklet using existing departmental resources; and be it further

4th RESOLVED, that the Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation shall develop and implement this program within 120 days of the effective date of this resolution; and be it further

5th 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 28, 2015

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: May 7, 2015