

**PROCEDURAL RESOLUTION NO. 18-2017, AUTHORIZING THE
RETENTION OF A CONSULTANT TO PROJECT SALES TAX
REVENUE**

WHEREAS, the Legislative Budget Review Office ("BRO") is in the process of reviewing and analyzing the County Executive's Recommended 2018 Operating Budget; and

WHEREAS, the accurate forecasting of sales tax revenue is one of the most important and difficult components of BRO's analysis; and

WHEREAS, BRO requires the services of a consultant to forecast sales tax revenue for the balance of 2017 and for Fiscal Year 2018 in order to complete their review of the recommended 2018 Operating Budget and Fiscal Year 2019 in order to plan ahead for the subsequent year's budget; and

WHEREAS, BRO has issued a Solicitation of Quotes to several potential firms that would be qualified to forecast sales tax revenue for Suffolk County; and

WHEREAS, BRO has received four proposals and has scored each one and has selected Thomas Conoscenti & Associates, Inc. as the proposal with the highest score; and

WHEREAS, BRO has recommended and requested that Thomas Conoscenti & Associates, Inc., 150 Pineview Lane, Suite 101B, Coram, NY 11727 be retained as an expert consultant to forecast sales tax revenue; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that this Legislature hereby authorizes the Presiding Officer to execute such agreements with Thomas Conoscenti & Associates, Inc., as necessary, to carry out their work in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 of County Legislative funds, said amount to be paid from the Budget Review Office Fee for Services: Non-Employees (001-LEG-1025-4560) appropriation.

DATED: September 6, 2017

EFFECTIVE PURSUANT TO SECTION C2-15(A) OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTY C