

**RESOLUTION NO. 826 -2017, DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT
OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO CEASE PAYMENT FOR CERTAIN
SUBSTANDARD HOUSING**

WHEREAS, helping economically disadvantaged persons by passing through Office of Temporary Disability Assistance (“OTDA”) payments for housing is a core responsibility of the Department of Social Services (“DSS”); and

WHEREAS, the housing paid for by DSS with taxpayer dollars should meet minimum standards that protect the health and safety of temporary assistance recipients; and

WHEREAS, DSS is required to provide pass through funding to eligible temporary assistance clients in dwellings that are owned, leased and/or operated by registered sex offenders; and

WHEREAS, in those specific locations, the housing may be substandard with overcrowded conditions, substance abuse and a lack of food for residents; and

WHEREAS, these substandard housing locations and the problems associated with them are taxing emergency service providers and degrading the surrounding neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, DSS should not pass through payments to registered sex offenders and the substandard housing they provide; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that the Department of Social Services shall not pass through payments on behalf of temporary assistance recipients in housing owned, leased and/or operated by registered sex offenders that do not meet OTDA regulations on or after the effective date of this resolution; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, this resolution shall take effect immediately; and be it further

3rd 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: October 3, 2017

EFFECTIVE PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-15(F) OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTY CHARTER
UNSIGNED OCTOBER 20, 2017