

Intro. Res. No.1778-2017

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Introduced by Legislators Krupski, Fleming, Hahn, Spencer, Anker and Kennedy

**RESOLUTION NO. 881 -2017, DIRECTING THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO JOIN AN ACTION AGAINST THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, the State of New York filed suit against the United States Environmental Protection Agency on August 17, 2017, challenging its plan to dump dredging materials from Connecticut into Long Island Sound; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Brookhaven has stated its intention to join the lawsuit in order to block the proposed dumping plan; and

**WHEREAS**, Long Island Sound was designated by the United States Congress as an Estuary of National Significance; and

**WHEREAS**, a clean and environmentally stable Long Island Sound supports the critically important recreational boating and commercial fishing industries, which contribute millions of dollars each year to the economy and provide thousands of jobs for residents of Suffolk County; and

**WHEREAS**, Long Island Sound is an environmentally sensitive area that could be decimated by the dumping of waste, affecting wildlife, as well as the industries that rely so heavily upon it; and

**WHEREAS**, federal agencies did not adequately consider alternatives to open water disposal when developing the Dredging Materials Disposal Plan, despite an agreement between the former governors of New York and Connecticut that open water disposal should cease; and

**WHEREAS**, the federal government is failing the residents of Suffolk County, so the County must join the legal fight to protect its communities; now, therefore be it

**1st RESOLVED**, that this Legislature hereby authorizes, empowers and directs the Suffolk County Attorney to join the lawsuit commenced by the State of New York against the United States Environmental Protection Agency, captioned as *Rosado v. Pruitt* in the United States District Court, Eastern District of New York, opposing the proposed dumping of dredging spoils into Long Island Sound.

DATED: October 3, 2017

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone  
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: October 17, 2017