

**RESOLUTION NO. 947 -2014, ESTABLISHING A GO GREEN
INITIATIVE FOR COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS**

WHEREAS, Americans consume the greatest amount of paper in the world, at roughly 500 pounds per capita; and

WHEREAS, paper production is energy intensive and the process is a leading emitter of greenhouse gases; and

WHEREAS, despite increased paper recycling efforts in the United States, paper still represents 16.1% of solid wastes in landfills; and

WHEREAS, Suffolk County is a leader in protecting the environment; and

WHEREAS, the County should begin reducing its paper consumption to prevent waste and protect the environment; and

WHEREAS, written intra-County communications should be sent electronically to reduce the County's dependence on paper; and

WHEREAS, converting written County communications to electronic documents will also save storage space and taxpayer dollars on paper and ink expenditures; now, therefore be it

1st **RESOLVED**, that all written intra-County communications shall be sent using email and will not be provided in hard copy form; and be it further

2nd **RESOLVED**, that this restriction shall not apply to any communications with County employees who do not have a County email address; and be it further

3rd **RESOLVED**, that this restriction shall not apply to documents that are required to be maintained in hard copy form for legal, accounting or bookkeeping reasons, or on documents which require original signatures; and be it further

4th **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: November 18, 2014

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: December 1, 2014