

**RESOLUTION NO. 541 -2015, AMENDING THE 2015
OPERATING BUDGET TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE
SUFFOLK COUNTY COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE**

WHEREAS, the Suffolk County Coalition Against Domestic Violence is the only Domestic Violence Agency in Suffolk County to have advocates working in all seven of the Suffolk County Police Department Precincts; and

WHEREAS, the Domestic Violence Outreach Precinct Project provides precinct advocate services that include: explaining what to expect if a police report is filed, explaining what options are available for obtaining Orders of Protection, providing assistance in developing a safety plan, performing extensive safety assessments, providing links for clients to court advocacy services, shelter and community resources, meeting with clients in hospitals and emergency rooms; working in tandem with law enforcement, providing crisis intervention services, installing panic alarms in victims homes, helping victims to access a shelter, and accompanying victims in court; and

WHEREAS, the Adopted 2015 Operating Budget included insufficient funding for the Suffolk County Coalition Against Domestic Violence to continue its Domestic Violence Outreach Precinct Project; and

WHEREAS, the Suffolk County Coalition Against Domestic Violence reportedly is facing a budgetary crisis in 2015 that without the procurement of additional funding could jeopardize the continuance of its Domestic Violence Outreach Precinct Project at its current capacity; and

WHEREAS, without the additional funding the Domestic Violence Outreach Precinct Project may be reduced from eight full time positions to three full time positions, which would significantly impact the number of victims of domestic violence that receive the unique frontline support and intervention that the program provides; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that the potential reduction in staff would likely reduce the impact that the Domestic Violence Outreach Precinct Project has by over 50%, resulting in more than 1,200 victims not receiving services through this program; and

WHEREAS, the funding will allow the Suffolk County Coalition Against Domestic Violence to provide close to 9,000 services through its Advocacy Department with its unique outreach and frontline support throughout Suffolk County; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Suffolk County Legislature to provide additional funding to the Suffolk County Coalition Against Domestic Violence to support this agency's Domestic Violence Outreach Precinct Project efforts; and

WHEREAS, Section 4-31 (G) of the Suffolk County Charter now allows amendment of the County Operating Budget by County Legislators four times during the fiscal year as long as the amendment reduces, lowers, terminates or cancels appropriations; abolishes positions of employment; terminates contract agencies; terminates or reduces the

size of County programs or departments, or makes transfers of appropriations that are offset by reductions in other programs; now, therefore be it

1st **RESOLVED**, that the 2015 County Operating Budget is hereby amended as follows and that the County Comptroller and the County Treasurer be and hereby are authorized to transfer the following funds and authorizations.

APPROPRIATIONS:

FROM:

<u>FD</u>	<u>AGY</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>ACT</u>	<u>OBJ</u>	<u>OBJECT NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
001	PRO	3197	0000	1100	Permanent Salaries	(\$79,000)

TO:

<u>FD</u>	<u>AGY</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>ACT</u>	<u>OBJ</u>	<u>ACTIVITY NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
001	POL	3653	JMX1	4980	SUFFOLK COUNTY COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	\$79,000

and be it further

2nd **RESOLVED**, that the moneys appropriated pursuant to this resolution shall be used for the sole and exclusive purpose of funding the Domestic Violence Outreach Precinct Project provided by the Suffolk County Coalition Against Domestic Violence; 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: June 16, 2015

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: June 29, 2015