

**RESOLUTION NO. 710 -2015, DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF
SEPTEMBER AS "MITOCHONDRIAL DISEASE AWARENESS
MONTH" IN SUFFOLK COUNTY ("ELI'S LAW")**

WHEREAS, Mitochondrial Disease results from the failure of mitochondria, which are found in all cells except red blood cells and are responsible for providing the energy needed by the body to sustain life and support growth; and

WHEREAS, there are several different kinds of Mitochondrial Disease; and

WHEREAS, Pearson Marrow-Pancreas Syndrome and related Kearns-Sayre Syndrome are two types of Mitochondrial Disease caused by defects in mitochondria; and

WHEREAS, Mitochondrial Disease exhibits itself in several different forms and appears to cause the most damage to cells of the brain, heart, liver, skeletal muscles, kidney and the endocrine and respiratory systems and can be fatal; and

WHEREAS, although Mitochondrial Disease is a disorder that presents itself at birth, it can occur at any age; and

WHEREAS, currently there are no highly effective treatments for Mitochondrial Disease; and

WHEREAS, to increase awareness of this debilitating disease, the County of Suffolk wishes to declare the month of September as "Mitochondrial Disease Awareness Month"; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that beginning in 2015 and continuing every year thereafter, the month of September shall be designated as "Mitochondrial Disease Awareness Month" in Suffolk County; and be it further

2nd 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: September 9, 2015

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: September 14, 2015