

**RESOLUTION NO. 44 -2016, DECLARING APRIL AS
“SARCOIDOSIS AWARENESS MONTH” IN SUFFOLK
COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Sarcoidosis is an inflammatory disease that affects multiple organs in the body; and

WHEREAS, Sarcoidosis is an autoimmune disease associated with an abnormal immune response, but the trigger for the abnormal response is unknown; and

WHEREAS, Sarcoidosis most commonly targets the lungs and lymph nodes, but the disease can affect other organs too, including the skin, eyes, liver, salivary glands, sinuses, kidneys, heart, muscles and bones and the brain and nervous system; and

WHEREAS, the symptoms of Sarcoidosis depends on the organ affected, but generally speaking symptoms will include fever, fatigue, weight loss, night sweats and an overall feeling of malaise; and

WHEREAS, other symptoms can include a persistent cough, shortness of breath, enlarged lymph nodes, headaches, visual problems, painful raised bumps on the legs or arms, joint pain, eye pain, sensitivity to light and sinusitis; and

WHEREAS, while there is no cure for Sarcoidosis, there are treatment options; and

WHEREAS, that the County of Suffolk wishes to designate the month of April as “**Sarcoidosis Awareness Month**” to raise awareness of this inflammatory disease; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that beginning in 2016 and continuing every year thereafter the month of April shall be designated as “**Sarcoidosis Awareness Month**” in Suffolk County to educate and raise awareness of this disease which can affect multiple organs in the body; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, the Department of Health Services will facilitate an outreach program to notify physicians and other medical and public health personnel of new and cutting edge developments in the field of Sarcoidosis; and be it further

3rd RESOLVED, 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: February 9, 2016

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: February 23, 2016