

**RESOLUTION NO. 813 -2016, DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF
SEPTEMBER 5th THROUGH SEPTEMBER 11th AS "SUICIDE
PREVENTION WEEK" IN SUFFOLK COUNTY**

WHEREAS, suicide is a major public health concern as over 41,000 people die by suicide each year in the United States, making it the tenth leading cause of death overall; and

WHEREAS, suicide and suicidal behavior does not discriminate; people of all genders, ages and ethnicities can be at risk for suicide; and

WHEREAS, the risk for suicidal behavior is complex and includes mental illness, substance abuse, previous suicide attempts, hopelessness, access to lethal means, recent loss of loved ones, vulnerability to self-harm, and withdrawal from friends, family and society; and

WHEREAS, effective suicide prevention is based on sound research, programs that prevent suicide take into account a person's risk factors and promote interventions that are appropriate, such as psychotherapy, treatment for drug and alcohol abuse and medication; and

WHEREAS, the County of Suffolk wishes to designate the week of September 5th through September 11th as "**Suicide Prevention Week**" in Suffolk County to raise awareness around the issues of suicide and suicide prevention; now, therefore be it

1st **RESOLVED**, that the week of September 5th through September 11th, 2016 shall be designated as "**Suicide Prevention Week**" in Suffolk County to raise awareness that suicide is a major preventable cause of premature death; and be it further

2nd **RESOLVED**, that commencing in 2017 and continuing every year thereafter Suicide Prevention Week in Suffolk County will be the Monday through Sunday surrounding World Suicide Prevention Day on September 10th; 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: September 7, 2016

APPROVED BY:

County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: