

RESOLUTION NO. 40 -2018, ESTABLISHING AN “OPERATION SAFE STOP” POSTER CONTEST FOR SUFFOLK COUNTY SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 260-2017 established April 27th as “Operation Safe Stop Day” in Suffolk County to raise awareness about driver safety when approaching stopped school buses; and

WHEREAS, “Operation Safe Stop” is a program which seeks to educate drivers and pedestrians about the dangers of illegal passing of school buses by motorists in Suffolk County and New York State; and

WHEREAS, in addition to motorist education, children riding school buses also need to be aware of safety issues when they exit and enter a school bus; and

WHEREAS, an annual poster contest related to “Operation Safe Stop” for elementary school students would serve to increase awareness of this critical safety issue among children and their parents and may help prevent accidents caused by illegal motorist passing of school buses; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that the Office of the Presiding Officer of the County Legislature shall conduct an annual “Operation Safe Stop” campaign in elementary level schools throughout Suffolk County, inviting students to participate in a poster contest requiring a student’s interpretation of what can be done to protect children and educate motorists about the dangers of passing stopped school buses; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that any Legislator who wishes to participate in this contest shall send a letter and a copy of the “Operation Safe Stop” pamphlet, published pursuant to the 5th RESOLVED clause of this resolution, to the Superintendents of public school districts located within their pertinent legislative district, advising the school as to the contest; and be it further

3rd RESOLVED, that each participating Legislator shall judge entries made by elementary school students and recommend one (1) winner from each school in their district as a finalist. Participating Legislators shall then recommend one (1) of the finalist posters to the Presiding Officer to represent their legislative district; and be it further

4th RESOLVED, that the deadline for submitting eligible posters shall be February 28th of each year beginning in 2019; the Legislative Office of Budget Review shall then select the winning poster, which shall be announced by the Presiding Officer at the first regular scheduled meeting of the Legislature in April each year; and be it further

5th RESOLVED, that the Suffolk County Police Department is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to prepare or obtain a publication on “Operation Safe Stop” for dissemination to the public by September 1, 2018, and beginning in 2019, shall distribute such publication to all legislators and the public on or before January 15th of each year, incorporating the prior year’s poster contest winner into the materials, if possible; and be it further

6th **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: February 6, 2018

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: February 16, 2018