

**HOME RULE MESSAGE REQUESTING THE NEW YORK  
STATE LEGISLATURE TO AUTHORIZE SUFFOLK COUNTY  
TO EXTEND A TEMPORARY HOTEL AND MOTEL TAX**

**WHEREAS**, Section 1202-o of the New York Tax Law authorizes Suffolk County to adopt and amend local laws imposing a tax upon persons occupying hotel or motel rooms in Suffolk County at a rate of up to three percent (3%) of the per diem rental rate for each room; and

**WHEREAS**, the proceeds from the hotel and motel tax have been used to promote tourism in Suffolk County and fund many of the County's historic sites, museums, parks and cultural programming; and

**WHEREAS**, this Legislature imposed the hotel and motel tax by adopting Local Law No. 14-1992, Local Law No. 28-2000, Local Law 34-2009 and Local Law No. 39-2015; and

**WHEREAS**, the County's authority to impose the hotel and motel tax expires on December 31, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the continued promotion of the tourism and convention industries and ongoing support for cultural programs that attract tourism is vital to the economic well-being of Suffolk County, thereby necessitating an extension of the hotel and motel tax at a rate of three percent (3%); now, therefore be it

**1<sup>st</sup>** **RESOLVED**, that this Legislature hereby requests that the New York State Legislature enact Senate Bill S.5957 and Assembly Bill A.7691 which authorize Suffolk County to extend a temporary tax upon persons occupying hotel and motel rooms in the County of Suffolk, at a rate of three percent (3%) of the per diem rate for each room, effective from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2019, and distribute the proceeds to promote tourism and fund County parks, historic sites, museums and cultural programs; and be it further

**2<sup>nd</sup>** **RESOLVED**, that the Clerk of this Legislature is hereby directed to forward copies of this Resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo; to the Majority Leader of the New York State Senate John Flanagan; to the Speaker of the New York State Assembly Carl Heastie; to the Minority Leaders of the New York State Senate and the New York State Assembly; and to each member of the Long Island delegation to the New York State Legislature.

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