**HOME RULE MESSAGE REQUESTING NEW YORK LEGISLATURE TO AMEND THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW, THE VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW AND THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE LAW TO CREATE A TRAFFIC AND PARKING VIOLATIONS AGENCY IN SUFFOLK COUNTY (ASSEMBLY BILL A.9539-C AND SENATE BILL S.5634-E)**

**WHEREAS**, the growing number of traffic and parking infractions in Suffolk County is causing a backlog of such cases in the County's district courts; and

**WHEREAS**, this strain on the district courts means that many of these traffic and parking summonses go unanswered and unpaid; and

**WHEREAS**, villages, cities and towns throughout the State are authorized to establish an independent traffic violations bureau to assist in the disposition of infractions related to traffic and parking violations, and a traffic violations agency has been established in Nassau County; and

**WHEREAS**, establishing a traffic violations agency in Suffolk County will ease the burden on the district courts and speed the disposition of traffic and parking violations; and

**WHEREAS**, there is legislation pending in the New York State Legislature that would authorize the County of Suffolk to establish, by local law, a Traffic and Parking Violations Agency to assist the district court in the disposition of traffic and parking infractions; now, therefore be it

**1st          RESOLVED**, that this Legislature hereby requests the State of New York to enact Assembly Bill No. A.9539-C and Senate Bill No. S.5634-E for the purpose of establishing a Traffic and Parking Violations Agency in Suffolk County; and be it further

**2nd          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 Dean Skelos; to the Speaker of the New York State Assembly Sheldon Silver; 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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