

**RESOLUTION NO. 841 -2018, AMENDING THE RULES OF THE  
COUNTY LEGISLATURE TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF LEGAL  
SETTLEMENTS**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Chapter 145 of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CODE, the Ways and Means Committee of this Legislature must approve the settlement of any legal claim against the County of Suffolk which exceeds \$25,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ways and Means Committee recently authorized the settlement of a controversial case, on the recommendation of the County Attorney's office, for \$10 million. Most members of the Legislature did not learn of the magnitude of this settlement until a resolution was introduced in the Legislature to bond the cost of the settlement; and

**WHEREAS**, all members of the County Legislature should be notified when a large settlement is being presented to the Ways and Means Committee and given the opportunity to attend the executive session at which the settlement will be discussed; now, therefore be it

**1st** **RESOLVED**, that Rule 14 of the 2018 Rules of the Suffolk County Legislature is hereby amended by the addition of a new paragraph H to read as follows:

**RULE 14. COMMITTEES**

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- H) The Chairperson of the Ways and Means Committee shall notify all members of the County Legislature when the settlement of a legal claim against the County of Suffolk, in excess of \$750,000, is being presented by the County Attorney to the Committee for approval. Such notice shall be made by electronic mail at least two (2) business days prior to the committee meeting at which such settlement will be considered. All members of the Legislature shall be entitled to attend the executive session for the discussion of such settlements.

\_\_\_ Underlining denotes addition of new language

DATED: October 2, 2018

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY PURSUANT TO § C2-15(A) OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTY CHARTER