

**RESOLUTION NO. 809 -2018, ESTABLISHING A SUNSCREEN
DISPENSING PROGRAM AT COUNTY PARK PROPERTIES**

WHEREAS, Suffolk County owns and operates a vast network of parks where residents and visitors engage in active and passive outdoor recreation; and

WHEREAS, while a sunny day makes for beautiful weather to enjoy, exposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays can lead to serious health problems, including sunburns, sun poisoning and skin cancer; and

WHEREAS, when spending time outside at any time during the year, it is important to protect oneself from the sun as a means to avoid immediate injury and decrease the likelihood of developing skin cancer; and

WHEREAS, broad spectrum sunscreen, when applied properly, is an effective means to protect exposed skin from UVA and UVB rays; and

WHEREAS, studies show that consistent use of sunscreen reduces the occurrence of malignant melanoma and slows aging of the skin; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, the United States Surgeon General issued a call to action to help prevent skin cancer; and

WHEREAS, since then, municipalities and states throughout the nation have developed free sunscreen distribution programs as a means to help protect public health;

WHEREAS, sunscreen dispenser programs are operating in many localities, including Miami Beach, New York City, Boston, Atlanta, Charleston, Tampa, as well as the Village of Long Beach and Towns of Huntington and Hempstead; and

WHEREAS, government agencies can partner with sponsors to install and maintain sunscreen dispensers with an adequate supply of sunscreen at outdoor locations; and

WHEREAS, given the size of the County's park system and the number of visitors it receives each year, a sunscreen dispenser program should be established at active County park properties; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that the Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to establish a program to provide free sunscreen in automated dispensers at County park properties; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that the following park properties should be prioritized in the initial development of this project: Blydenburgh, Cathedral Pines, Cedar Point, Cupsogue Beach, Gardiner, Indian Island, Lake Ronkonkoma, Lakeland, Meschutt Beach, Montauk, the Pine Barrens Trail Information Center, Raynor Beach, Sears Bellows, Smith Point, Southaven, West Hills, Shinnecock Canal and Marina, and the golf courses at Bergen Point, Timber Point, Indian Island and West Sayville; and be it further

3rd **RESOLVED**, that the Department shall solicit sponsorships and partnerships with health organizations, not-for-profit corporations, sunscreen manufacturers and other interested parties to the greatest extent practicable to minimize the costs of installing the dispensers and supplying sunscreen; and be it further

4th **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: October 2, 2018

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: October 17, 2018