

Intro. Res. No. 1872-2018

Laid on Table 10/2/2018

Introduced by Legislators Kennedy, Sunderman, Anker, Krupski, Calarco, Cilmi, Flotteron, Trotta and Spencer

**RESOLUTION NO. 941 -2018, DESIGNATING AUGUST 31<sup>ST</sup>  
AS "INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY" IN  
SUFFOLK COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, International Overdose Awareness Day is a global event held on August 31<sup>st</sup> each year aiming to raise awareness that death from drug overdose is preventable; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2017 was the worst year for drug overdose deaths in United States history; that year, more than 72,000 people died of overdoses – or nearly 200 people per day; and

**WHEREAS**, more Americans died of overdoses in 2017 than were killed by guns, car crashes, or HIV/AIDS in any single year; the 2017 death toll is higher than all American military casualties in the Vietnam and Iraq wars combined; and

**WHEREAS**, International Overdose Awareness Day also acknowledges the grief felt by families and friends for those who have died or had a permanent injury as a result of drug overdose; and

**WHEREAS**, the goals of this effort include increasing awareness about the risk for overdose, reducing stigma associated with drug overdose death, providing information about community services and preventing and reducing drug-related harm by supporting evidence-based policy and practice; and

**WHEREAS**, Suffolk County wishes to designate August 31<sup>st</sup> as "International Overdose Awareness Day" to spread a message that the tragedy of overdose death is preventable; now, therefore be it

**1st RESOLVED**, that beginning in 2019 and continuing every year thereafter August 31<sup>st</sup> is hereby designated as "International Overdose Awareness Day" in Suffolk County to raise awareness of overdose and death from overdosing is preventable; and be it further

**2nd RESOLVED**, that the Department of Public Works is hereby authorized, empowered and directed, pursuant to Section C8-2(W) of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CHARTER to illuminate the north side of the H. Lee Dennison Executive Office Building facing Veterans Memorial Highway with a purple glow on the evening of August 31<sup>st</sup> beginning in 2019 and continuing every year thereafter; and be it further

**3rd 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: November 20, 2018

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone  
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: November 28, 2018