

**RESOLUTION NO. 207 -2019, DIRECTING THE INSTALLATION
OF WATER FOUNTAINS WITH BOTTLE FILLING
CAPABILITIES AT COUNTY FACILITIES**

WHEREAS, the County of Suffolk is a leader in environmental protection and preservation efforts on a local and national level; and

WHEREAS, one of the largest contributors to litter and plastics pollution is discarded plastic bottles; and

WHEREAS, many County residents have taken to utilizing reusable water bottles instead of purchasing individually bottled water as one simple way to reduce their plastic consumption and protect the environment; and

WHEREAS, when out in public, it can be difficult to find a location to refill a reusable water bottle easily; and

WHEREAS, to facilitate the use of reusable water bottles, the County should replace existing water fountains as their useful life ends with water fountains that are equipped with a station to refill water bottles; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that the Department of Public Works is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to replace all water fountains at County facilities with water fountains equipped with a water bottle refill station; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that existing water fountains shall be replaced with the combination water fountain and bottle refill station by the County as each original unit becomes inoperable or reaches the end of its useful life; and be it further

3rd RESOLVED, that any new water fountain installed on County property on or after the effective date of this Resolution shall be a combination water fountain and bottle refill station; and be it further

4th RESOLVED, that a water fountain equipped with a water bottle refill station shall only be installed pursuant to this resolution if the cost of the unit is no more than 150% of the cost associated with installing a traditional water fountain; and be it further

5th RESOLVED, these requirements shall be implemented at all County-owned buildings with 10 or more employees and all County park properties which have water fountains; and be it further

6th 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: March 26, 2019

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: March 29, 2019