

RESOLUTION NO. 419 -2019, ESTABLISHING A YOUTH ANTI-BULLYING TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, bullying is a significant problem among school aged children, where one child is singled out by others as the target of cruel and abusive treatment; and

WHEREAS, bullying can have long term adverse effects on the physical and mental health of the child who is targeted; and

WHEREAS, while bullying used to be confined to during school hours, technology now allows for bullies to target and harass students continually throughout the day and night via text messages and social media; and

WHEREAS, young people are in a unique position to discuss the challenges associated with bullying in the 21st century and develop creative solutions to this substantial threat to their health and safety; and

WHEREAS, in order to develop a cohesive strategy to combat bullying throughout the County, a task force of young residents should be convened to discuss the issues and prepare a presentation with recommendations on ways to decrease bullying both in and out of school; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that an Anti-Bullying Youth Task Force ("Task Force") is hereby created to examine the issues of bullying and develop programs and methods to combat bullying both in school and through social media or technology; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that the Task Force shall be comprised of eighteen (18) County residents between 16 and 18 years of age, with each Legislator having an appointment on the Task Force; and be it further

3rd RESOLVED, that the members of the Task Force shall meet no later than thirty (30) days after all members take their oaths of office for the purpose of selecting a chairperson, vice chairperson and secretary; and be it further

4th RESOLVED, that the members of the Task Force shall serve without compensation and shall serve at the pleasure of their respective appointing authorities; and be it further

5th RESOLVED, that the Task Force shall hold regular meetings, keep a record of all its proceedings and determine the rules of its own proceedings, with special meetings to be called by the chairperson upon his or her own initiative or upon receipt of a written request therefor signed by at least three (3) members of the Task Force. Written notice of the time and place of such special meetings shall be given by the secretary to each member at least four (4) days before the date fixed by the notice for such special meeting; and be it further

6th RESOLVED, that ten (10) members of the Task Force shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of transacting the business of the Task Force at both regular and special meetings; and be it further

7th **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force may conduct such informal hearings and meetings at any place or places within the County of Suffolk for the purpose of obtaining necessary information or other data to assist in the proper performance of its duties and functions as it deems necessary; and be it further

8th **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force will receive support and assistance in discharging its duties, including the provision of clerical and staffing needs, from the County Legislature; and be it further

9th **RESOLVED**, that the members of the Task Force will develop findings and determinations together with recommendations to aid schools, children and families in addressing bullying; and be it further

10th **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force will submit their written recommendations and determinations to the Clerk of the County Legislature no later than May 1, 2020; and be it further

11th **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force will also develop and deliver a presentation on the issue of bullying and proposed methods to combat such behavior to the Education and Human Services Committee of the County Legislature; and be it further

12th **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force will expire on July 1, 2020 and all records and proceedings shall be submitted at that time to the Clerk of the Legislature; and be it further

13th **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)(26) 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 routine or continuing administration and management not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment, 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: May 14, 2019

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: May 28, 2019