

Intro. Res. No. 1313-2019

Laid on Table 3/26/2019

Introduced by Legislators Sunderman, Calarco, Kennedy, Gregory, Spencer, Krupski, Hahn, Anker and Berland

**RESOLUTION NO. 266-2019, DESIGNATING AUGUST AS
“CHILDREN’S EYE HEALTH AND SAFETY AWARENESS
MONTH” IN SUFFOLK COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the American Optometric Association suggests that infants should have their first comprehensive eye exam at 6 months of age with follow-ups at ages 3 and again at 5 or 6 years of age; and

WHEREAS, a child's eye doctor can help detect refractive errors such as nearsightedness, farsightedness and astigmatism as well as Amblyopia (lazy eye); Strabismus (crossed eyes); Ptosis (drooping of the eyelid), and Color deficiency (color blindness); and

WHEREAS, in some instances, children can develop eye conditions which are normally diagnosed in adults, such as Anterior Bilateral Uveitis, a condition where the body produces inflammation in the eye without any known cause; this condition is serious and can lead to permanent vision loss; and

WHEREAS, in support of Children's Eye Health and Safety Month in August, the American Academy of Ophthalmology provides information to the public that can help protect and preserve a child's eye health for life; and

WHEREAS, Suffolk County wishes to designate August as “Children's Eye Health and Safety Month” in Suffolk County to encourage parents to have their children's eyes examined prior to the start of school so they can reap the maximum benefits of their experiences in the classroom; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that the beginning in 2019 and continuing every year thereafter the month of August is hereby designated as “Children's Eye Health and Safety Awareness Month” in Suffolk County to bring greater awareness that good vision is key to a child's physical development, school success and well-being and encourage regular eye health evaluations for children; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that the Department of Health Services is hereby directed to develop educational materials on eye health in children and distribute said materials on the Department website and via social media during the month of August; 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)(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: April 9, 2019

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: April 23, 2019