

**RESOLUTION NO. 589 -2019, DIRECTING VETERANS SERVICES TO COMPILE AND DISTRIBUTE A COMPREHENSIVE VETERANS RESOURCE GUIDE**

**WHEREAS**, Suffolk County is home to the largest population of veterans in New York State; and

**WHEREAS**, many veterans and their families have difficulty with reintegration into civilian life, including finding employment, gaining further education, addressing health concerns, and determining what benefits they are eligible for; and

**WHEREAS**, there are a plethora of benefits for veterans in Suffolk County, many of which are underutilized due to a lack of information; and

**WHEREAS**, creating a consolidated and easy to locate informational book of benefits and opportunities for veterans will make it easier for the veteran community of Suffolk County to utilize those benefits that may otherwise be missed; and

**WHEREAS**, a comprehensive veterans resource guide would be helpful to provide information, support, education, and guidance to military veterans and their caregivers who are residing in Suffolk County; now, therefore be it

**1st RESOLVED**, that the Suffolk County Veterans Service Agency is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to create a comprehensive book called "The Suffolk County Veterans Resource Guide" which will include information about available benefits and services along with contact information of the entities that provide said benefits and services to veterans and their families and caregivers; and be it further

**2nd RESOLVED**, that the information in the guide shall include, but is not limited to, resources and entities that assist with reintegration, education, employment, health services and additional resources that are available to veterans; and be it further

**3rd RESOLVED**, that the Suffolk County Veterans Service Agency shall post a PDF file containing The Veterans Resource Guide on its website and shall make hard copies for distribution to veterans and their families and caregivers; and be it further

**4th RESOLVED**, that the Suffolk County Veterans Service Agency shall create and begin distribution of The Veterans Resource Guide within 120 days from the effective date of this resolution; and be it further

**5th RESOLVED**, that The Suffolk County Veterans Resource Guide shall be updated annually on or before January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year; 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)(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: June 4, 2019

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone  
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: June 10, 2019