

Intro. Res. No. 1856-2019

Laid on Table 9/4/2019

Introduced by Presiding Officer Gregory and Legislators Sunderman, Gonzalez, Spencer, Berland, Cilmi, Calarco, Flotteron, Kennedy

RESOLUTION NO. 936 -2019, DIRECTING THE SUFFOLK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES TO DEVELOP AND DISTRIBUTE A COMPREHENSIVE “SUFFOLK STOP BULLYING” RESOURCE GUIDE

WHEREAS, the Youth Anti-Bullying Task Force is a task force comprised of young people created to develop strategies to reduce in the instances of bullying among students in Suffolk County; and

WHEREAS, there are a significant number of youths in Suffolk County who have been or are currently being bullied and are trying to find ways to cope with the resulting impacts on their health and wellness; and

WHEREAS, the Youth Anti-Bullying Task Force has recommended the development of a resource guide to aid parents and children in grades K through 12 who are dealing with the mental and physical impacts associated with bullying; and

WHEREAS, a consolidated and easy to locate informational guide for young people and their parents that outlines the various organizations which can help them, identify bullying behavior, stop bullying when possible, and address the after effects of bullying will make it easier for students in Suffolk County to utilize programs and methods that can foster greater health, wellness, and growth; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive “Suffolk Stop Bullying Resource Guide” should be developed to provide information, support, education, and guidance to students who have experienced bullying and their parents; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that the Suffolk County Department of Health Services is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to create a comprehensive guide book, in consultation with the Youth Anti-Bullying Task Force, called “The Suffolk Stop Bullying Resource Guide” which will include information about available resources and programs along with contact information for organizations providing such assistance to children in grades K through 12, their families, and their schools; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that the information in the guide shall include, but is not limited to, resources, programs, and organizations that provide information and hotlines to victims of bullying, resources for parents, educational information on how to identify bullying and cyberbullying, and any additional resources that can aid students who are facing bullying behavior; and be it further

3rd RESOLVED, that the Suffolk County Department of Health Services shall post a PDF file containing The Suffolk Stop Bullying Resource Guide on its website and on the Suffolk Stop Bullying website, and shall make hard copies available for distribution upon request to schools throughout Suffolk County in order to make them available to students, their parents or guardians, and school staff; and be it further

4th **RESOLVED**, that the Suffolk County Department of Health Services, in conjunction with the Youth Anti-Bullying Task Force, shall develop and distribute The Suffolk Stop Bullying Resource Guide within 180 days from the effective date of this resolution; and be it further

5th **RESOLVED**, that beginning in 2020 and continuing each year thereafter, The Suffolk Stop Bullying Resource Guide shall be updated annually on or before September 1st by the Department of Health Services to ensure the accuracy and completeness of the information contained therein; 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: October 2, 2019

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: October 09, 2019