

Intro. Res. No. 1869-2019

Laid on Table 10/2/2019

Introduced by Legislators Calarco, Berland, Anker, Sunderman, Gonzalez, Hahn, Flotteron, Kennedy, McCaffrey and Gregory

**RESOLUTION NO. 1148 -2019, DESIGNATING SUFFOLK COUNTY AS A "PURPLE HEART COUNTY"**

**WHEREAS**, Suffolk County is home to the largest number of veterans in New York State and has one of the largest veteran populations in the Country; and

**WHEREAS**, Suffolk County is continually dedicated to honoring those who have sacrificed to protect this nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in present use and was initially created as the Badge of Military Merit by General George Washington in 1782; and

**WHEREAS**, the Purple Heart was the first American service award made available to all who serve and is specifically awarded to members of the United States Armed Forces who have been wounded or killed in combat with a declared enemy of the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the Military Order of the Purple Heart is to foster an environment of goodwill among combat wounded veteran members and their families, promote patriotism, support legislative initiatives, and most importantly, make sure those who have sacrificed to protect our Country are never forgotten; and

**WHEREAS**, Suffolk County appreciates the sacrifice of every Purple Heart recipient and by designating the County as a "Purple Heart County", the County seeks to further honor and commemorate those who have sacrificed so much to protect this nation; now, therefore be it

**1st RESOLVED**, that the County of Suffolk is hereby designated as a "Purple Heart County" honoring the service and sacrifice of the men and women in uniform wounded or killed by the enemy while serving to protect the freedoms of all Americans; and be it further

**2nd 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: November 26, 2019

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone  
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: December 10, 2019