

**RESOLUTION NO. 67 -2020, DESIGNATING MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup> AS  
“CEREBRAL PALSY AWARENESS DAY” IN SUFFOLK  
COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, Cerebral Palsy (“CP”) is the most common physical disability in childhood; and

**WHEREAS**, CP is a group of disorders that affects movement and muscle tone or posture and is caused by damage that occurs to the immature brain as it develops, most often before birth; and

**WHEREAS**, in general, cerebral palsy causes impaired movement associated with abnormal reflexes, floppiness or rigidity of the limbs and trunk, abnormal posture, involuntary movements, unsteady walking and some combination of these; and

**WHEREAS**, those with cerebral palsy can also have problems swallowing, have eye muscle imbalances, in which the eyes don’t focus on the same object, as well as reduced range of motion at various joints due to muscle stiffness; and

**WHEREAS**, cerebral palsy’s effect on function varies greatly, with some affected individuals being able to walk while others need assistance; similarly, some affected individuals show normal or near-normal intellect while others have intellectual disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the underlying brain disorder causing cerebral palsy doesn’t change with time, so symptoms usually do not worsen with age; however, some symptoms may become more or less apparent as a child gets older; and

**WHEREAS**, Suffolk County wishes to designate March 25<sup>th</sup> as “Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day” in order to educate and raise awareness that a new generation of children with this condition are thriving through advanced therapies, surgery options, inclusion, fewer barriers to break through and more acceptance that anyone with cerebral palsy has encountered in the past; now, therefore be it

**1st RESOLVED**, that beginning in 2020 and continuing every year thereafter March 25<sup>th</sup> shall be designated as “Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day” in Suffolk County to increase awareness that cerebral palsy is not a disease – it is the most common motor disability in children and a child with cerebral palsy still will face many challenges, but personal goals are obtainable; and be it further

**2nd RESOLVED**, that the Department of Public Works is hereby authorized, empowered and directed, pursuant to Section C8-2(W) of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CHARTER to illuminate the north side of the H. Lee Dennison Executive Office Building facing Veterans Memorial Highway with a green glow on the evening of March 25th beginning in 2020 and continuing every year thereafter; 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: February 11, 2020

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone  
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: February 19, 2020