

Intro. Res. No. 1135-2020

Laid on Table 2/11/2020

Introduced by Legislators Berland, Cilmi, Krupski, Fleming, Anker, Calarco, Piccirillo, Kennedy Gonzalez and Sunderman

**RESOLUTION NO. 94 -2020, DESIGNATING JUNE 12TH AS
"WOMEN VETERANS APPRECIATION DAY" IN SUFFOLK
COUNTY**

WHEREAS, throughout history, women have proudly served in the United States Armed Forces to secure and preserve freedom and liberty for all Americans and the allies of the United States; and

WHEREAS, women have formally been a part of the United States Armed Forces since the establishment of the Army Corps in 1901, but have informally served since the inception of the United States military; and

WHEREAS, during the American Revolution and the Civil War women disguised themselves as male soldiers, they served as nurses during World War I and World War II and as combat helicopter pilots in Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, as of May 2019, women constitute approximately 15 percent of the active duty personnel serving our country, including nearly 19 percent in the Air Force; 18 percent in the Navy; 14 percent in the Army; 8 percent in the Marine Corps and nearly 15 percent in the Coast Guard; women also serve in the National Guard and Reserves; and

WHEREAS, recognizing Women Veterans Appreciation Day follows the efforts of states around the country to engage with and advocate for our women veterans; on June 12, 1948, President Harry S. Truman signed the Women's Armed Services Integration Act, allowing women to serve as regular members of the military; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of this historic event, Suffolk County wishes to designate June 12th as "Women Veterans Appreciation Day" to recognize the service and sacrifices of women veterans who have served our nation valiantly on behalf of the United States; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that beginning in 2020 and continuing every year thereafter June 12th is hereby designated as "Women Veterans Appreciation Day" in Suffolk County as a tribute to the achievements of women veterans and to show our appreciation for their service, sacrifice and commitment to defending the principles upon which the United States was founded; 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: March 3, 2020

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: March 10, 2020