

**RESOLUTION NO. 326 -2020, REDUCING COUNTY BUS
FARES FOR CHILDREN AGED FIVE TO THIRTEEN**

WHEREAS, currently, Suffolk County Transit does not charge a fee for children under 5 years of age and charges a reduced rate of \$1.25 for students between the ages of 14 and 22 who have student identification cards; and

WHEREAS, under the current rate schedule, children aged 5 to 13 are expected to pay full-price fares; and

WHEREAS, children aged 5 to 13 likely ride the bus with their parents and make up a small portion of general ridership; and

WHEREAS, it is inequitable to charge full fares for children between the ages of 5 and 13 when those younger and older than those children pay reduced rate; and

WHEREAS, Suffolk County should modify bus fares for all children aged 5 through 13 to match the rates currently charged to students between the ages of 14 and 22; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that, effective January 1, 2021, the fare rate for County bus service for children aged 5 through 13 shall be \$1.25; 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: April 28, 2020

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: May 7, 2020