

**RESOLUTION NO. 311 -2020, DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF
MAY AS “ASTHMA AND ALLERGY AWARENESS MONTH” IN
SUFFOLK COUNTY**

WHEREAS, since 1984, the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America (“AAFA”) has dedicated May as National Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, asthma and allergies are among the nation’s most common and costly health problems; an overwhelming number of Americans suffer from these diseases; and

WHEREAS, allergies occur when the body’s immune system sees a substance as harmful and overreacts to it; these substances are called allergens and can include, but are not limited to, medicine, food, insects that sting or bite, household pets, pollen, trees, grass, mold and dust; allergic symptoms can include, but are not limited to, wheezing, itchy or watery eyes, sneezing, runny nose, rash and hives, with some allergic reactions progressing to a life threatening condition known as anaphylaxis; and

WHEREAS, asthma can be a chronic lifelong disease that affects the lungs and causes symptoms, including, but not limited to, wheezing, shortness of breath, chest tightness and coughing; and

WHEREAS, although asthma and allergies cannot be cured, they can be managed through daily vigilance and avoiding certain triggers, including, but not limited to, tobacco smoke, mold, air pollution, dust mites, pollen, chemicals, extreme weather changes and stress; and

WHEREAS, the County of Suffolk wishes to designate May as “Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month” to raise awareness about these conditions, how to manage the wide ranging impact they have and help overcome the challenges they present; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that beginning in 2020 and continuing every year thereafter the month of May is hereby designated as “Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month” in Suffolk County, as May is the peak season for people who suffer from asthma and allergies, and a perfect time to educate patients, family, friends, co-workers and others about asthma and allergies; 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