

**RESOLUTION NO. 410 -2020, DESIGNATING JUNE AS
"HEALTHCARE HEROES MONTH" IN SUFFOLK COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the 2019 Novel Coronavirus ("COVID-19") is an unprecedented crisis the likes of which have not been seen in this country in over 100 years; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, our doctors, nurses, emergency medical technicians (EMTs), first responders and many healthcare related personnel have proven themselves to be not just essential workers but frontline heroes; and

WHEREAS, the challenges faced by our healthcare workers is immense; they find themselves managing a virus that can spread without symptoms; having to deal with shortages in personal protective equipment ("PPE"), including, but not limited to gloves, masks, gowns, as well as insufficient quantities of hospital beds, testing kits, swabs and respirators, all while trying to save lives, and often are being forced to isolate themselves from their own loved ones; and

WHEREAS, in the course of treating patients, many doctors, nurses and healthcare workers have become ill with COVID-19, with some of those individuals succumbing to the virus and its related effects; and

WHEREAS, Suffolk County wishes to designate the month of June as "Healthcare Heroes Month" to acknowledge the truly inspiring and selfless contributions of our frontline workers now caring for others with this disease at a time of great uncertainty and who have put the well-being of the residents of Suffolk County ahead of their own personal safety; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that beginning in 2020 and continuing every year thereafter the month of June is hereby designated as "Healthcare Heroes Month" in Suffolk County, in recognition of all their work during this pandemic and during all public health crises/emergencies and to pay tribute to our healthcare heroes whose tireless work and self-sacrifice show the best of humanity; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that, beginning in 2020 and continuing every year thereafter, the Department of Public Work 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 blue glow on the evening of June 8th; 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: May 20, 2020

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: May 27, 2020