

Intro. Res. No. 1536-2020

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Introduced by Legislators Berland, Richberg, Donnelly, Sunderman, Gonzalez, Fleming, Anker, Calarco, Cilmi, Flotteron and Spencer

RESOLUTION NO. 464 -2020, DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF JUNE AS "LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH" IN SUFFOLK COUNTY

WHEREAS, every June in the United States the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer community, which includes those who identify as questioning, intersex, asexual, ally, pansexual, agender, genderqueer, bigender, gender variant, pangender and more ("LGBTQ+") comes together for a month-long celebration of love, diversity, identity, acceptance and pride; and

WHEREAS, the Stonewall riots were a tipping point for the LGBTQ+ community in the United States and paved the way for the modern fight for equal rights for the LGBTQ+ community, a fight which still continues to this day. A commemorative march occurred in New York City on June 28, 1970 on the first anniversary of the Stonewall riots and the establishment of June as LGBTQ+ Pride month began, flourishing over the years to include events in cities and towns throughout the United States and around the world; and

WHEREAS, the first Long Island Pride March took place on June 9, 1991, for which approximately 1,500 spectators were present. The March occurred only after the founding members of the Long Island Lesbian and Gay Pride Freedom Committee successfully sued the Town of Huntington for denying their request to march; and

WHEREAS, Suffolk County is home to a thriving LGBTQ+ community. The Fire Island communities of Fire Island Pines and Cherry Grove, by nature of their isolation and beauty, became a queer destination in the early 20th century and have continued to serve as a haven for queer people until present day. Suffolk County's established LGBTQ+ community also includes agencies established to advocate for equal treatment, provide healthcare, equip queer people with safe spaces to congregate, produce cultural events and much more; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and important for Suffolk County to designate the month of June "LGBTQ+ Pride Month" in recognition of the diverse LGBTQ+ community in Suffolk County and to affirm that everyone has the right to live without fear of prejudice, discrimination, violence or hatred; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that beginning in 2020 and continuing every year thereafter, the month of June is hereby designated "LGBTQ+ Pride Month" in Suffolk County to encourage all residents of Suffolk County to honor and pay respect to the County's diverse LGBTQ+ community and to build a culture of inclusiveness and acceptance; 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: June 23, 2020

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: July 9, 2020