

Intro. Res. No. 1543-2020

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Introduced by Legislators Berland, Richberg, Hahn, Sunderman, Muratore, Anker, Piccirillo, Gonzalez, Cilmi, Flotteron and Spencer

**RESOLUTION NO. 572 -2020, ESTABLISHING A
VOLUNTARY REGISTRY FOR FEMALE VETERANS LIVING IN
SUFFOLK COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Suffolk County has the largest veteran population in New York State and a considerable number of those veterans are women; and

WHEREAS, female veterans are an underserved group and for many generations have remained distant from the male-centered veteran community; and

WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to have the ability to more readily interact with female veterans to assist with engagement in the community and the sharing of resources and information which would be pertinent to their needs; and

WHEREAS, the County should establish a voluntary registry for female veterans so that the County and organizations can more effectively provide outreach and resources to meet their needs and can directly advertise the existence of various programs which are specifically for women veterans; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that the Suffolk County Veterans Service Agency is hereby directed to establish a voluntary "Female Veterans of Suffolk County Registry" ("Registry") for the purposes of outreach, providing resources to female veterans, and advertising veterans organizations and benefits to female veterans; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that the Registry shall be used by the County to provide female veterans with relevant resources, assistance and to connect them with other members of the female veteran community in Suffolk County; and be it further

3rd RESOLVED, that the Suffolk County Veterans Service Agency shall advertise the Registry and its purpose prominently on its website and shall include a link to a fillable online form where female veterans may register; and be it further

4th RESOLVED, that the Registry shall be designed and implemented in a manner which allows registrants to indicate preferences on whether their information should be kept private or disseminated to resources that may be able to assist them, as well as allowing requests for contact from a representative of the Veterans Services Agency and/or a representative of the Woman Veterans Advisory Board; and be it further

5th RESOLVED, that the Registry shall be established and available on the Veterans Service Agency website within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this resolution; and be it further

6th 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) and (33) 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 the action constitutes 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: July 21, 2020

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: August 3, 2020