

RESOLUTION NO. 701 -2020, DESIGNATING OCTOBER 15TH AS “PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS REMEMBRANCE AND AWARENESS DAY” IN SUFFOLK COUNTY

WHEREAS, when a baby dies before it is born or soon after birth, parents are burdened with the task of saying goodbye to someone they barely had a chance to know; and

WHEREAS, the loss of a child is a common sadness shared among tens of thousands of families in this country; it can be extremely painful to talk about and this can lead to families feeling very isolated and alone in their grief; and

WHEREAS, increased awareness of the causes and impacts surrounding pregnancy and infant loss may lead to greater understanding, support and resources; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed the month of October as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month to recognize the unique grief of bereaved parents in an effort to demonstrate support to the many families who have suffered such a tragic loss; and

WHEREAS, October 15th is recognized in parts of the United States and in other jurisdictions around the world as a day of remembrance and awareness of pregnancy and infant loss; and

WHEREAS, a day of remembrance honors the lives taken too soon and supports grieving parents, grandparents, siblings and other family members whose lives are forever altered by this heartbreak; and

WHEREAS, as part of the day of remembrance events, participants light a candle at 7:00 pm. in a “Wave of Light” ceremony to honor all the babies gone too soon; and

WHEREAS, Suffolk County wishes to designate October 15th as “Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance and Awareness Day” to recognize the profound grief experienced by families who suffer the death of an infant or pre-term baby; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that beginning in 2020 and continuing every year thereafter October 15th is hereby designated as “Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance and Awareness Day” in Suffolk to enable the residents of Suffolk County to consider how, as individuals and communities, they can meet the needs of bereaved family members and work to prevent these causes of death; 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: October 6, 2020

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: October 19, 2020