

Intro. Res. No. 1656-2020

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Introduced by Legislators Flotteron, Cilmi, Richberg, Sunderman, Krupski, Fleming, Hahn, Anker, Calarco, Piccirillo, Gonzalez, Kennedy, Trotta, McCaffrey, Berland, Donnelly, Spencer

RESOLUTION NO. 661 -2020, ILLUMINATING THE H. LEE DENNISON BUILDING IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE VICTIMS OF THE SEPTEMBER 11TH TERRORIST ATTACKS

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, September 11, 2001 (“9/11”), terrorists linked to al-Qaeda hijacked four passenger planes; two were flown into the World Trade Center, one into the Pentagon, and a fourth crashing in a field in Pennsylvania after passengers valiantly fought the hijackers; and

WHEREAS, the violence perpetrated on September 11th, 2001 was the single deadliest terrorist attack in the history of the United States; and

WHEREAS, these attacks resulted in 2,977 fatalities, over 25,000 injuries and substantial long-term health consequences for thousands more, in addition to at least \$10 billion in infrastructure and property damage; and

WHEREAS, among those fatalities were approximately 455 Long Islanders, including 178 Suffolk County residents; and

WHEREAS, every year on this day the County and nation pause to remember the victims of this immense tragedy that changed our lives forever; and

WHEREAS, since 2002, the City of New York has included as part of its remembrance the Tribute in Light, where 2 beams of blue light are projected into the sky where the World Trade Center once stood; and

WHEREAS, as a way of paying homage to the victims of the 9/11 attacks and to ensure that they are remembered eternally, Suffolk County should illuminate the H. Lee Dennison Building blue on September 11th of each year; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that 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 September 11th, beginning in 2020 and continuing every year thereafter; 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) 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 insofar as these actions constitute 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: September 9, 2020

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: September 10, 2020