

**RESOLUTION NO. 732 -2020, DESIGNATING OCTOBER
AS "POSTAL WORKER APPRECIATION MONTH" IN
SUFFOLK COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service ("USPS") traces its roots to 1775 during the Second Continental Congress, when Benjamin Franklin was appointed the first postmaster general; and

WHEREAS, the Post Office Department was created in 1792 with the passage of the Postal Service Act and was elevated to a cabinet-level department in 1872, with the Postal Reorganization Act of 1970 transforming the United States Postal Service into an independent agency; and

WHEREAS, considered an "essential service" by an act of Congress, "The United States Postal Service shall be operated as a basic and fundamental service provided to the people by the Government of the United States, authorized by the Constitution, created by an Act of Congress, and supported by the people."; and

WHEREAS, today the postal service employs 7.3 million people, is one of the largest employers of military veterans and has a diverse workforce, with almost 40% minority employees; and

WHEREAS, the USPS continually strives to support the communities it serves; the day before Mother's Day the postal service conducts the largest one-day food drive in America, collecting more than 75.7 million pounds of food in all 50 states and each year during the holiday season, the USPS sponsors "Operation Santa" to provide a channel where people can give back and help Santa fulfill the wishes of children and families — enabling them to have a magical holiday when they otherwise might not; and

WHEREAS, Suffolk County wishes to designate the month of October as "Postal Worker Appreciation Month" to acknowledge that postal workers are devoted public servants and show our appreciation for their hard work and dedication to processing and delivering nearly 181.9 million pieces of mail every day; now therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that beginning in 2020 and continuing every year thereafter the month of October is hereby designated as "Postal Worker Appreciation Month" in Suffolk County as a way to acknowledge the dedication of the USPS and its employees to all the residents of Suffolk County; 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: October 6, 2020

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: October 19, 2020