

RESOLUTION NO: 785 -2020, DESIGNATING "LATEX ALLERGY AWARENESS WEEK" IN SUFFOLK COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control ("CDC") states that about 1 to 6 percent of people in the United States have a latex allergy; and

WHEREAS, the most serious allergic reaction to latex is anaphylaxis, which can be deadly; and

WHEREAS, many common products contain latex such as disposable gloves, balloons, some types of carpeting, baby bottle nipples, rubber toys, and many more. An individual can usually find similar products made without the use of latex; and

WHEREAS, certain people are at a greater risk of developing a latex allergy, such as, people with spina bifida, people who undergo multiple surgeries or medical procedures, health care workers, rubber industry workers, and people with a personal or family history of allergies; and

WHEREAS, with the increased use of Personal Protective Equipment ("PPE") during the COVID-19 Pandemic there has been an increased use of latex products such as disposable latex gloves; and

WHEREAS, Suffolk County wishes to designate the week of October 4 through October 10, 2020 as "Latex Allergy Awareness Week" in Suffolk County to raise awareness about the seriousness of the allergy and to provide education on how to avoid contact with products containing latex; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that the week of October 4 through October 10, 2020 is hereby designated as "Latex allergy Awareness Week" in Suffolk County to bring greater awareness to the dangers of latex allergies; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that beginning in 2020 and continuing every year thereafter, Suffolk County will designate Latex Allergy Awareness Week to coincide with the specified dates of National Latex Allergy Awareness Week; and be it further

3rd RESOLVED, that the Department of Health Services is hereby directed to develop educational materials on latex allergies and distribute said materials on the Department website and via social media during Latex Allergy Awareness Week; and be it further

4th RESOLVED, that this Legislature, being the lead agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), N.Y. Environmental Conservation Law Article 8 and Chapter 450 of the Suffolk County Code, 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 ("NYCRR") in that the action constitutes routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment; and the adoption of regulations, policies, procedures and local legislative decisions. 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 7, 2020