

RESOLUTION NO. 978-2020, APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN CONNECTION WITH IMPROVEMENTS TO VANDERBILT MUSEUM PLANETARIUM (CP 7437)

WHEREAS, the Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places, is the former summer estate of William K. Vanderbilt II, and is a major destination that attracts more than 105,000 visitors each year from Suffolk County and from around the world; and

WHEREAS, the Museum's 60-foot domed Planetarium was updated and renovated in 2013 and is one of the finest planetariums in the country, visited by thirty thousand school children each year; and

WHEREAS, the outer-dome of the Planetarium requires re-roofing to prevent additional water damage to the interior-dome and to protect the star projector; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director of the Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum has requested construction funds for improvements to the Vanderbilt Planetarium; and

WHEREAS, there are sufficient funds within the 2020 Capital Budget and Program to cover the cost of said request; and

WHEREAS, the County Legislature, by resolution of even date herewith, has authorized the issuance of \$950,000 in Suffolk County Serial Bonds; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 471-1994, as revised by Resolution No. 571-1998, Resolution No. 209-2000 and Resolution No. 461-2006, established the use of a priority ranking system, implemented in the Adopted 2020 Capital Budget, as the basis for funding capital projects such as this project; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that it is hereby determined that this project, with a priority ranking of fifty-one (51), is eligible for approval in accordance with the provisions of Resolution No. 471-1994 as revised by Resolution No. 571-1998, Resolution No. 209-2000 and Resolution No. 461-2006; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that the proceeds of \$950,000 in Suffolk County Serial Bonds be and they hereby are appropriated as follows:

<u>Project Number</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
525-CAP-7437.317	Improvements to Vanderbilt Museum Planetarium	\$950,000

and be it further

3rd RESOLVED, that the County Department of Public Works is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to take such action as may be necessary, for improvements at the Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum Planetarium; and be it further

4th **RESOLVED**, that funding for this project will be repaid through use of the enterprise fund established for the Vanderbilt Museum in Resolution No. xxx-2020, A Local Law to provide more consistent funding to the Vanderbilt Museum; and be it further

5th **RESOLVED**, that this Legislature, being the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) Lead Agency, hereby finds and determines that the adoption of this law is a Type II action, pursuant to Title 6 NYCRR Part 617.5(C) (21), (22) (25) and (27), since it constitutes a local legislative decision in connection with the maintenance, repair, replacement, rehabilitation, reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building or fire codes and the purchase of furnishings, equipment and supplies, other than land, radioactive material, pesticides, herbicides or other hazardous materials, and adoption of a local legislative decision in connection with the same. As a Type II action, the Legislature has no further responsibilities under SEQRA.

DATED: December 15, 2020

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: December 21, 2020