

RESOLUTION NO. 165-2021, ESTABLISHING A BICYCLE SAFETY VIDEO CONTEST FOR SUFFOLK COUNTY SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, Suffolk County has a duty to protect the health and safety of its residents; and

WHEREAS, many individuals throughout the County utilize bicycles as either their primary mode of transportation or for recreational purposes; and

WHEREAS, school-age children are encouraged to ride bicycles, as it is an environmentally friendly activity which promotes exercise, improves balance and motor skills, and encourages knowledge of the rules of the road; and

WHEREAS, it is important to spread awareness and educate Suffolk County's youth on the importance of bicycle safety in order to reduce reckless bicycling and the potential for serious accidents; and

WHEREAS, an annual video contest related to bicycle safety for middle and high school students would serve to increase awareness of this critical safety issue among children and their parents and may help prevent accidents involving bicyclists; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that the Office of the Presiding Officer of the County Legislature shall conduct an annual "Bicycle Safety" campaign in public middle schools and high schools throughout Suffolk County, inviting students to participate in a video contest requiring a student's interpretation of bicycle safety to educate both bicyclists and motorists; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that any legislator who wishes to participate in this contest shall send a letter and a copy of the "Bicycle Safety" pamphlet, published pursuant to the 5th RESOLVED clause of this Resolution, to the Superintendent(s) of the public-school district(s) located within his or her legislative district, advising the school(s) of the contest; and be it further

3rd RESOLVED, that each participating legislator shall judge entries made by middle school and high school students and recommend one (1) winner from each school in their district as a finalist. Participating legislators shall recommend one (1) of the finalist videos to the Presiding Officer to represent their respective legislative districts; and be it further

4th RESOLVED, that the deadline for submitting eligible videos shall be February 28th of each year beginning in 2022; the Legislative Budget Review Office shall select the winning video, which shall be announced by the Presiding Officer at the first regular scheduled meeting of the Legislature in April each year; and be it further

5th RESOLVED, that the Suffolk County Police Department is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to prepare or obtain a publication on "Bicycle Safety" for dissemination to the public by September 1, 2021, and beginning in 2022, shall distribute such publication to all legislators and the public on or before January 15th of each year, incorporating the prior year's video contest winner into the materials, if possible; and be it further

6th **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: March 16, 2021

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: April 2, 2021