

RESOLUTION NO. 202-2021, ADOPTING THE SUFFOLK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE REFORM AND REINVENTION REPORT (SHERIFF)

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order 203 "New York State Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative", dated June 12, 2020, Governor Cuomo directed each local government entity which has a police agency operating with police officers, as defined under Section 1.20 of the criminal procedure law, to perform a comprehensive review of current police force deployments, strategies, policies, procedures, and practices, and to develop a plan to improve such deployments, strategies, policies, procedures, and practices, for the purposes of addressing the particular needs of the communities served by such police agency and promote community engagement to foster trust, fairness, and legitimacy, and to address any racial bias and disproportionate policing of communities of color; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Executive Order 203, the Suffolk County Sheriff, and other relevant stakeholders in the community performed a comprehensive review of current police force deployments, strategies, policies, procedures, and practices; and

WHEREAS, based upon the findings of the comprehensive review, the Suffolk County Sheriff has developed a plan to improve strategies, policies, procedures, and practices, for the purposes of addressing the needs of the communities served by the Suffolk County Sheriff's Office and to promote community engagement to foster trust, fairness, and legitimacy, and to address any racial bias and disproportionate policing of communities of color; and

WHEREAS, the plan considers evidence-based policing strategies, including but not limited to, use of force policies, procedural justice; any studies addressing systemic racial bias or racial justice in policing; implicit bias awareness training; de-escalation training and practices; law enforcement assisted diversion programs; restorative justice practices; community-based outreach and conflict resolution; problem-oriented policing; focused deterrence; crime prevention through environmental design; violence prevention and reduction interventions; model policies and guidelines promulgated by the New York State Municipal Police Training Council; and standards promulgated by the New York State Law Enforcement Accreditation Program; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Executive Order 203 the plan was offered for public comment to all citizens in the County and in sessions with Sheriff's Office boards and task forces. Public meetings to discuss a plan were held on September 15 and 22, 2020; October 13 and 20, 2020; and November 17, 2020, January 19, 2021, February 16, 2021, February 17, 2021, and February 22, 2021. On February 23, 2021, the Interim Plan was posted on the Sheriff's Office website for additional commenting, and it was widely distributed to solicit public comments. All comments have been considered; now, therefore be it

1st **RESOLVED**, that this Legislature hereby approves and adopts the plan attached hereto consistent with requirements as set forth in Executive Order 203; and be it further

2nd **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. 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 30, 2021

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: March 31, 2021