

**RESOLUTION NO. 203-2021, ADOPTING THE SUFFOLK COUNTY POLICE REFORM PLAN PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER 203**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order 203 "New York State Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative", dated June 12<sup>th</sup>, 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 Executive together with Suffolk County Police Department, task force members 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, Suffolk County 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 Police Department 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; hot spots 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 will be offered for public comment to all citizens in the County and all comments will be reviewed; now, therefore be it

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

**2<sup>nd</sup>** **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