

**RESOLUTION NO. 340-2021, DESIGNATING MAY AS
“BICYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH” IN SUFFOLK
COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the bicycle is an economical, healthy, and environmentally sound form of transportation as well as one of the best forms of exercise, providing opportunities for recreation and enjoyment of an area’s scenic beauty; and

WHEREAS, National Bicycle Awareness Month was established in May of 1956 by the League of American Bicyclists, to promote healthy exercise by encouraging people to ride bikes; and

WHEREAS, in more recent years, the focus of National Bicycle Awareness Month is on bicycle safety; and

WHEREAS, it is important to understand the risks to bicycles riders as they share the road with motor vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation’s National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) encourages bicyclists and motorists to put safety first by taking simple precautions – remain focused on the road and surrounding traffic and anticipate what others may do before they act; and

WHEREAS, bicyclists should always wear a helmet, check bike equipment, ride in the same direction as traffic, obey traffic signs, signals and lane markings; similarly, motorists need to pass bicyclists on the road with care with at least three feet clearance, look for cyclists before opening a car door or pulling out of a parking space and yield to bicyclists at intersections; and

WHEREAS, Suffolk County wishes to designate May as “Bicycle Safety Awareness Month” to further encourage safe bicycle riding; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that beginning in 2021 and continuing every year thereafter the month of May shall be designated as “Bicycle Safety Awareness Month” in Suffolk County to raise public awareness and encourage greater bicycle safety for all Suffolk County residents; and be it further

2nd 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: May 11, 2021

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: May 19, 2021